

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC)

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc.) held in the Board Room, 11th Floor, Dalmuir House, Wellington, on Tuesday, May 1 1984 commencing at 10.05 a.m.

PRESENT: Mr I. Berry in the Chair, and Messrs A. McCaw, W.A. Clissold, M.Cloake, A.Lorimer and D. Ward

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr S.C. Goodman, Executive Secretary

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 23/24 November, 1983, having been circulated, were taken as read and received, and the Chairman authorised to sign them as a true and correct record.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Mr Lorimer reported that a meeting of interested parties was to be arranged by the Waikato County concerning their District Scheme before they proceed any further. He undertook to report further to the Executive on this matter.

2. It was noted that the Executive would not be meeting with the Trustees as some members thought, it was the intention that a meeting should be held with the Trustees when all the matters relevant to the Trust Accounts, etc. had been finalised.

The Executive still have to resolve the procedures to be followed in respect of the application and use of funds.

The President referred to a letter of 15th February from Mr Kay indicating that funds available (capital) would be approximately \$600,000 for the General Trust and \$170,000 for the Charitable Trust.

The Executive Secretary reported on his discussions with Mr Kay who advised that the accounts should be finalised within the next week.

3. In respect of arrangements for the 1984 Conference, the Chairman reported that he would be travelling to New Plymouth after the Planning Meeting at Flock House to finalise arrangements for the Conference.

It was agreed that the Executive would meet at 9.00 a.m. on Monday 23 July and, therefore, members would arrive on the Sunday, leaving on the morning of Friday 27th July.

ADVISORY:

1. The preliminary report on beekeeping in New Zealand by Dr H. Shimanuki, was made available to the Executive, and it was agreed that any costs incurred by the N.B.A. be recovered in due course from the Educational Trust.

It was further agreed that, in due course, the Executive Secretary would prepare a schedule of 1984 expenditure which could be recovered from the Trust.

2. It was noted that there had been no further response to the matter of branding of hives but it was the opinion of the Executive that members should be encouraged to have their hives branded.

3. The President reported that he had discussed with Mr Kevin Bateman his research project on wasps and it had been arranged that Mr Bateman would place a proposal for financial assistance before the Executive, if this was needed.

4. It was noted that the "Trees for Bees" tags and posters had been produced, and it was agreed that 100 tags and 10 posters be made available to each Branch at no charge, and that Mr Clissold would draft a suitable circular to be sent to Branches with the posters, which would include reference to the need for Branches to produce a list of trees, but with particular emphasis on "farmer" use. This should also encourage beekeepers to assist nurserymen in the workload in tagging trees.

5. The President referred to a letter from Mr David Tozier of Alaska concerning the use of sulphur as an alternative to Cynogas, and indicated that a precis of the letter would be included in the next "Beekeeper".

Mr Clissold reported on his trials to date and the comments from Mr Pat Clinch relative to concern as to the acceptable levels of sulphur in honey.

6. Correspondence from the D.S.I.R.

a) From Mr B J Donovan on the availability of a videotape entitled "Big Business in Bees", and it was agreed that this matter be discussed with Mr Murray Reid at Flock House. Following the outcome of this discussion, the President would advise Mr Donovan as to whether the video should be screened at the Conference, or not.

b) Dr John Longworth concerning the extension of an invitation to Dr Doug Davies to address the Conference on alternative trees for shelter and bee fodder was left to the President to respond to following discussions at the Planning Meeting.

7. Mr Cloake reported that there had been no further developments concerning the location of hives (Honeydew Association, March 1983 Minutes) and it was agreed that no further action be taken.

8. Members commented favourably on the Kiwifruit Pollination programme on "Country Calendar" and it was agreed that the Executive Secretary endeavour to obtain a copy of the film from TVNZ for the Association's educational library.

9. The President tabled, for the information of members, a press release made in respect of the bringing of honey into New Zealand, and further commented that he would be meeting with Mr Philip Liner of B.C.N.Z. "Roundabout" programme.

10. It was agreed that the matter of financial assistance for the continuation of a diagnostic service following training by Dr Shimanuki be discussed with Mr Reid at the Planning Meeting. Members agreed that, in principle, they would support such assistance.

11. General discussion took place concerning the chalkbrood disease in Northland and the President read to the meeting a letter from Mr Bob Walsh, a retired Advisory Officer, which would be precised for inclusion in the next "Beekeeper".

12. With regard to the appointment of an Advisory Officer in the Northland area, the President reported on his discussions with Mr Reid and Mr Gunning of M.A.F. and subsequent discussions with the Northland Beekeepers, and it had been arranged that the Northland Branch would approach the N.B.A. if they required any assistance in this matter.

13. The meeting noted the support given by the Association in respect of Mr Simpson's continued employment as an Advisory Officer, following his two-year appointment under the V.S.A. scheme to Tuvalu Island. A response had been received from Mr Scott, Director of M.A.F. Advisory Services, who indicated that there were difficulties in this regard, particularly because of State Services Commission requirements.

14. The President reported on a further enquiry from the Accident Compensation Commission concerning bees and importations, and indicated that a response had been sent.

EDUCATION:

1. The Executive Secretary reported on a favourable recommendation from Mr Reid to buy the University of Guelph film "Brood Diseases of the Honey Bee", and it was agreed that payment for this now be arranged.

2. The Executive Secretary reported on discussions with Mr M.Kennedy of the Agricultural Training Council, and it was agreed that the Executive Secretary endeavour to arrange a meeting for the following week when the President would be in Wellington.

3. The President reported that the Bay of Plenty Community College programme seemed to be progressing satisfactorily despite some job uncertainty.

4. The meeting considered a request from the Telford Farm Institute to establish either a scholarship or bursary for beekeeping students and, after some discussion, it was agreed that the Institute be asked to place a firm proposal before the Executive, which could then be presented to the Trustees of the Education Trust.

MARKETING:

1. The meeting noted the response from the Department of Labour concerning the review under the Metrication (Retail Trading) Regulations 1978 advising that the matter was still under consideration by the Minister of Labour.

2. The President reported on a circular being sent out by the Department of Health New Plymouth District Office, concerning Amendment No. 7 to the Food and Drug Regulations 1973, and a copy of the circular was made available to members of the Executive.

The main change to the regulations with respect to product labelling is the introduction of requirements for ingredient listings, date marking and consumer information panels. Most of these requirements will come into force on 1st January 1985.

3. It was agreed that an article on prices be prepared for inclusion in the Spring 1984 issue of the "Beekeeper", members to be encouraged to provide price lists for the confidential compilation of this report.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 12.26 p.m. for lunch and re-convened at 12.58 p.m.

PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS:

1. General discussion took place concerning the Autumn issue of the "Beekeeper" under the new Editor, and generally members were well satisfied with the publication.

The President referred to a letter received from Mr Pat Clinch concerning the inclusion of research articles, the inclusion of an article on weather forecasting by a hobbyist beekeeper in the Weather Office, and a letter referred to the editor received from Mr Graham Richards.

The meeting noted the increased advertising rates and these were approved. It was agreed, however, that the matter of a circulation audit be deferred until later.

A letter from the National Apicultural Advisory Officer, Mr G.M. Reid, concerning the editing of contributions for the New Zealand "Beekeeper", was noted. The President indicated that this had been discussed with the editor.

2. It was agreed that complimentary copies of the "Beekeeper" be made available to Medialink and to Mr Heugh Chappell of Rural Report.

It was further agreed that the Executive Secretary prepare a list of recipients of complimentary copies for consideration at the next meeting, and this to be reviewed annually at the Conference Executive Meeting.

The Executive Secretary was also asked to prepare a list of N.B.A. Life Members.

3. The meeting was advised that Mr Heinemann was still awaiting a valuation of the library from the I.B.R.A. but that cover had been arranged as last year at the reduced premium.

FINANCE:

1. The accounts paid for December 1983, January, February, March and April 1984 were approved for payment, being cheques nos. 254.405 - 254.440 and 302.651 to 302.695, totalling \$50,407.01, it being noted that included in this expenditure were lodgments of \$27,543.33 on investment deposit.

2. The meeting considered the audited accounts for the year ended 31 December 1983 and, after brief discussion, these were approved for presentation to the Annual Meeting.

3. The meeting considered the memorandum from the Executive Secretary relative to the administration charge for secretarial services provided by the New Zealand Pork Industry Board which detailed the costs incurred by the Board in providing this facility, and indicated the possible cost to the Association of providing alternative administration.

After some considerable discussion, it was agreed that the proposed fee of \$17,250 for the period to the 31st December 1984 be accepted.

4. The meeting considered the 1984 budget, indicating an income of \$55,000, expenditure of \$62,000 - a cash deficit of \$7,000, it being noted that this was a conservative budget. The budget was approved.

5. The Executive Secretary reported that all 1983 Hive Levies had now been collected.

6. It was agreed that the comments of the Solicitors contained in their letter of 30th September, 1983 that..."it would be incumbent on that Department to take any steps necessary to investigate any alleged breaches under the Act" .. be discussed with Mr John Scott at the Planning Meeting.

7. The President read the response from the Ministry of Transport to the Association's expression of concern over the proposed increase in Road User Charges.

8. It was noted that there had been no further response from the Bay of Plenty Branch concerning financial assistance, and it was agreed that no further action be taken in this matter.

9. The meeting noted the response from the Ministry of Regional Development concerning the subject of assistance for beekeeping generally, and it was agreed that this matter be kept under review.

10. Mr Cloake reported that he had been unable to meet with Mr Moar concerning the latter's request for financial assistance, and it was agreed that the matter be discussed at the next meeting of the Executive, as Mr Cloake would arrange to meet with Mr Moar during the May school holidays.

11. The meeting noted that Hillcrest Apiaries had requested a deferment of their 1984 Hive Levy payment under the provisions of the Regulations, and this deferment had been approved and the levy had now been paid.

REPORTS:

1. Pesticides Board

- a) The President tabled the Minutes of the Pesticides Board meeting of 15th March.
- b) The President reported that the Board were endeavouring to arrange for the preparation of a bee toxicity poster, but the matter was still under consideration and development. It was agreed that the matter be further discussed at the Planning Meeting.
- c) The President referred to the draft of his comments for inclusion in the next "Beekeeper".
- d) The President tabled the reporting form used by the Board for spray damage.

2. Federated Farmers

Mr Clissold reported on his attendance at the Federated Farmers Dominion Council Meeting of 7/8 March and the Minutes of that meeting were tabled for the information of members.

3. Library Committee

A written report was tabled from Mr Heinemann which particularly indicated his concern at the delay in the returning of books by some borrowers. It was agreed that the Librarian should adopt the following procedure in such instances :

- a) Firstly a letter to the member's Branch Secretary;
- b) Advice to the N.B.A. and a request to the member and Branch Secretary from the Executive Secretary;
- c) A personal approach by an Executive member

It was noted, however, that the first recourse was to exclude that member from future borrowings from the library.

It was agreed that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr Heinemann on his excellent presentation of the new catalogue.

4. Apiary Advisory Committee. Nil report.

BRANCH MATTERS:

1. The meeting noted the report from Mr Lorimer of 2nd April concerning his attendance at the Bay of Plenty and Northland Branches, and Mr Lorimer indicated that the matters raised therein had been considered during the meeting, and were also covered by the response from Mr Reid in his letter of 12th April.

2. Mr Lorimer reported that the Waikato Branch would be providing a display at the forthcoming International Daffodil Convention to be held in September, and it was agreed that a request for assistance would be favourably considered at the July meeting, subject to the presentation of a firm proposal from the Branch.

It was subsequently agreed that Mr Lorimer be provided with two cartons of the publication "Bees and Honey" for distribution at the Convention.

3. The Executive again considered the matter of attendance by Executive members at Branch meetings, and expressed concern that, in many cases, Executive members were unaware of Branch Meeting dates, times and venues and were, therefore, unable to attend unless specifically invited.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

1. The President read to the meeting his response to the President of Federated Farmers concerning the Association's possible tenancy in Agriculture House, and the President indicated that no response had been received from Mr Storey in respect of this matter.

ANNUAL REPORT:

1. It was agreed that the matter of Life Membership be discussed at the July Executive meeting.
2. It was agreed that the President would discuss with the editor of the "Beekeeper", the possibility of including the Annual Report, Statement of Accounts, and Remits in the publication for the year 1985.
3. The draft report was approved for presentation to the Annual General Meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. The President undertook to obtain a quotation for the preparation of a stick-on label for the "Story of Bees and Honey" which details the number of beekeepers in New Zealand.
2. It was agreed that consideration should be given to inviting Mr Pat Clinch to a meeting of the Executive - this matter to be decided at the July meeting.

INDUSTRY PLANNING:

General discussion took place concerning the arrangements for the Planning Meeting which would take place over the next three days.

ELECTION:

It was noted that there were three members to be elected to the Executive this year.

Mr Lorimer indicated his availability, but Messrs Cloake and Clissold indicated that they would not be available for nomination.

NEXT MEETING:

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Executive be held in the Devon Motor Lodge, New Plymouth, commencing 9.00 a.m. on Monday 23rd July.

CLOSURE:

The meeting concluded at 4.44 p.m.

Confirmed:

Ian Berry

23 Jul Date

NOTE :

MINUTE BOOK COPY OF EXECUTIVE MINS
23/7/84

amended to show : correction of
spelling of name 'Matheson' p.4

: inverted commas
around "Beekeeper" under Topic, p.7

AGM CONFERENCE MINS : , Min book
copy shows correct date on PROPOSED
AMENDMENT p. 5 i.e. Hive Levy Act 1975
not 1978

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC)

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc) held in the Garden Court, Devon Motor Lodge, New Plymouth, on Monday 23 July 1984 commencing at 9.00 a.m.

PRESENT:

Mr I Berry, in the Chair
Messrs A McCaw, W.A.Clissold, M.Cloake,
A.Lorimer, and D. Ward

In attendance:

Messrs G. White and K. Herron, Executive Members designate.

Also attending at times during the meeting :

Mr G.M. Reid, Ms M. Forsyth, Messrs. C. van Eaton, A. Mathieson, M.A.F. Advisory Services; N. Wallingford (Bay of Plenty Community College), and M. Burgess (Editor - N.Z.'Beekeeper')
J. THIRD .(TELFORM FARM INSTITUTE)

WELCOME:

The President extended a warm welcome to the new members elected, who were attending the meeting as observers. .

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held May 1 1984 having been circulated, were taken as read and received, and the Chairman authorised to sign them as a true and correct record.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Mr Lorimer reported that a meeting was to be held with horticultural and other interested parties concerning the Waikato District Scheme.
2. The meeting noted a letter from Mr Kay advising that the two Industry Trust Funds had been effected from 1st July :

General Trust	\$654,043
Charitable Trust	\$163,511

and indicating that, at this stage, the annual tax paid income of the General Trust would be approximately \$22,500, and the Charitable Trust \$14,500.

General discussion took place concerning the procedures to be followed relevant to requests for funds, and it was generally agreed that all requests should be submitted to the Executive for consideration at Executive meetings, and then forwarded to the Trustees with the Executive recommendations.

Agreed that the industry be advised of the guidelines for distribution of funds following the September meeting, but an interim report be made to Conference. A meeting to be arranged with the three Trustees to be held at the September meeting of the Executive.

3. Life Members

Members considered the list of life members prepared by the Executive Secretary, and it was noted :

- (a) Members of the Executive would check on the addresses and status of some of those listed and report back to the Executive Secretary;
- (b) It was agreed that when the list had been corrected and updated it would be printed in an issue of the 'Beekeeper'.

It was agreed to recommend to the Conference that Mr John Heineman be made a Life Member.

Consideration of the verbal request from the Auckland Branch was deferred pending receipt of correspondence.

It was agreed that the President would investigate and report to a later meeting of the Executive on the costs of reproducing the existing Life Membership certificate and/or having a new certificate designed.

ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING AND
CONFERENCE:

- 1. The President reported that the film 'Big Business in Bees' would be screened at the conclusion of the seminar on Tuesday.
- 2. The President reported that he had written to Mr Longworth concerning the possibility of Dr Doug Davies addressing Conference, and had suggested that as this year's Conference had a full programme, perhaps Dr Davies would be able to address the 1985 Conference.
- 3. (i) The President reported on arrangements for Conference, including ticketting, functions, room layout, etc.
(ii) The meeting considered the President's report to Conference on the Pesticides Board, and it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Board expressing the Association's concern that methyl bromide may be banned in New Zealand. The President undertook to draft this letter.

CHAIRMAN:

At this stage of the meeting the Vice-President, Mr Allen McCaw, took the chair due to the unavoidable absence of the President on Conference matters.

ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING AND
CONFERENCE contd:

- (iii) The meeting considered the annual report of the Apiculture Section, Wallaceville Animal Research Centre and expressed concern in general, and at the final paragraph in particular, regarding the excessive amount of research being undertaken on kiwifruit. It was agreed that this be discussed with Government officials at Conference informally, and that the matter be further discussed later in the meeting.

(iv) The meeting noted the report of the Librarian and Mr McCaw reported on the possible need for reprinting the catalogue, and it was left to the Executive Secretary to discuss this matter with Mr Heineman.

General discussion took place concerning the structure of the Library Committee, it being noted that the original arrangement had been for the Committee to consist of the Librarian, a local beekeeper, plus the nearest Executive member.

CHAIRMAN:

At this stage of the meeting the President, Mr I Berry, returned to take the chair.

ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING AND
CONFERENCE contd.

(v) It was agreed that the President would discuss with the Pesticides Board the problems related to 1080 poisoning.

REIMITS:

1. EXECUTIVE

It was noted that the date for the Act should read 1975 and not 1985.

2. NORTH OTAGO

It was the opinion of the Executive that North Otago be requested to withdraw this Remit.

The meeting noted the letter from Mr R.H.Tane.

3. NORTH OTAGO

The meeting undertook a general review of this Remit.

4. POVERTY BAY

That depending on the result of the remit, the matter be discussed with Mr Reid and the Executive Secretary make further enquiries.

5. POVERTY BAY

This remit was noted.

6. NELSON

It was agreed that the Executive set up a sub-committee of Messrs Ward and White to consider the matters raised in this Remit.

7. SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICTS

General discussion took place concerning this Remit and its long term effects.

8. SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICTS

General discussion took place regarding this Remit.

9. AUCKLAND

It was noted that if this Remit was adopted, the Act would have to be amended and consideration was given to the general cash flow situation of the Association, it finally being decided to recommend to Conference that no change be made.

10. AUCKLAND

Agreed that there appeared to be little problem in most of the country in respect of the matters raised in this Remit.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.32 p.m.
and re-convened at 1.30p.m.

ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING AND
CONFERENCE contd:

(vi) It was noted that the local Branch was endeavouring to arrange for an officer of the Rural Bank to be in attendance to address the conference on Wednesday afternoon.

REMITS contd:

11. OTAGO

Mr McCaw reported that an amendment would be placed before the meeting with the intention of making apiculture one of the options available for Advisory Officers.

12. CANTERBURY

It was noted that this was similar in intent to Remit 11.

13. SOUTHLAND

It was the opinion of the Executive that there were too many variables in respect of this proposal, but it was agreed that a decision on this matter be awaited following comments from Mr van Eaton.

14. BAY OF PLENTY

This Remit was noted.

ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING AND
CONFERENCE contd:

(vii) It was noted that Mr Cloake would discuss with Mr Ecroyd the benefits of retaining membership of Apimonda and report later to the meeting.

ADVISORY:

1. It was agreed that a further order of 10,000 'Trees for Bees' tags be placed, and that a further supply of posters be ordered, if necessary.

2. With respect to the use of sulphur as an alternative to Cynogas, it was agreed that no further action be taken.

3. The meeting noted the availability of the Country Calendar programme 'Rent a Bee', at a cost of \$154.80, and it was agreed that this be purchased providing funds could be obtained from the Trust.

It was agreed in general that films be retained by the Librarian and, where possible, video copies be made from the original, and the video made available to borrowers.

4. The meeting considered a letter from the Government Print advising on the availability of 'Practical Beekeeping in New Zealand' by Andrew Matheson and it was agreed that the Executive Secretary ascertain the availability of the 40% discount for subsequent bulk orders. It was also agreed that he ascertain if an early copy of the book could be made available to the Association.

EDUCATION:

1. With respect to the National Training Scheme it was noted that this would be discussed later in the meeting, and the President indicated that Mr Wallingford would be bringing additional copies of the Bay of Plenty Community College proposal for AAVA.
2. The meeting considered the report from the Education sub-committee on their visit to Telford Farm, and it was agreed that letters of support and appreciation be sent to the MAF Advisory Service and the Telford Board of Management.

ADVISORY contd:

5. The meeting considered the report of Mr Murray Reid dated 2nd July 1984 and noted the following additional comments:

- (a) Mr Mark Schrader had been appointed Apiculture Advisory Officer to Oamaru; the appointment of Mr Clive Varde was pending as Apiculture Advisory Officer in Gore, and, as indicated in the report, Mr van Eaton would be transferring from Gore to Palmerston North.
- (b) the Apiculture Advisory Officer position in Whangarei was noted.
- (c) the Apiculture Advisory Officer position in Gisborne was noted.

6. The meeting considered correspondence from the Entymology Division of DSIR concerning the funding of research into bee diseases and, after lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the matter be left to the President and Executive Secretary to see that this takes place and at a minimum cost to the Association.

7. With regard to the Apiaries Advisory Committee, it was agreed that this matter be discussed with Mr Mike Stuckey during Conference.

MARKETING:

1. It was agreed that the Executive Secretary again write to the Department of Labour concerning the proposed changes to the Metrcication (Retail Trading) Regulations 1978 for Honey, and that consideration be given to the possibility of taking the matter up with the Minister, if necessary.
2. The President reported on some response from members for price list information, and indicated that he would be hopeful of obtaining further information during Conference.
3. The meeting was advised of the possibility of importing raw sugar - this information having come from a Trade and Industry source.

PUBLICATIONS:

1. General discussion took place as to the format and content of the last 'Beekeeper' and it was generally felt that the magazine was what the members made of it.

2. Consideration was given to the complimentary list for copies of the Beekeeper, the President indicating that he still had to clarify the matter of Mrs F Maultsaid. It was agreed that Massey University Library be added to the list if they were not already receiving a copy.

Mr Reid indicated that MAF Advisory Officers all received a copy, either from the Department or as private individuals.

3. The Executive Secretary reported on the valuation for the library, but a price for insuring it had not yet been received, and it was agreed that this matter be left to the Executive Secretary to liaise with the President and the Library sub-committee to finalise.

4. With regard to the proposed audit circulation, it was agreed that this matter be left to the President and Executive Secretary to arrange, providing the cost was not excessive.

5. General discussion took place concerning the provision of items for the 'Beekeeper', with particular reference to the use of MAF Advisory Officers' Newsletters.

6. It was agreed that the sticker for the 'Story of Bees and Honey' be obtained at a cost of \$162.27 for 5,000 copies, and that an application be lodged with the Trust for this cost.

7. Concern was expressed by Mr Cloake as to information made available to him concerning advice to travellers given by Travel Agents with respect to the importation of honey, and it was agreed that this matter be deferred until consideration of the Action Plan.

FINANCE:

1. The accounts paid for April, May, June and part July 1984 were approved for payment, being cheques nos. 302696-302710 and 302591-302614, totalling \$15,579.94.

2. The meeting considered the Executive Secretary's financial statement to 30 June 1984 and this was received.

3. The meeting considered the list of unpaid hive levies as at 18 July, and the Executive Secretary was advised of two possible address changes.

4. The meeting considered the legal opinion from Scott Morrison Dunphy & Co. of 30th September, 1983, relative to the Hive Levy Act, and, following further advices from Mr Reid as to the Department's attitude, it was agreed that no further action be taken.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5.30p.m. and reconvened on Tuesday 24 July at 4.30 p.m.

INDUSTRY PLANNING:

In attendance: Ms M Forsyth, Messrs M. Reid, A. Mathieson, C van Eaton, of M.A.F., and Mr N. Wallingford

The President indicated that the representatives of MAF were in attendance to assist in the preparation for the Industry Planning session to be held on the Thursday morning.

It was expected that three sessions would be held :

- (a) Opening brief
- (b) Buzz Groups
- (c) Report back

The opening session would consist of a review by Ms Forsyth and Mr van Eaton of the purpose of the Buzz groups.

The Buzz groups would be :

<u>Chairman/Deputy Chairman</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Objective</u>
Murray Reid/Tony Lorimer	Liaison with Government	E
A Matheson/M Burgess	" Beekeeper "	B4
C van Eaton/A McCaw	Developing long term	
	Industry planning	F1
M Cloake/K Herron	Trees for Bees	A1
D Ward/G White	Promotion	A2
N Wallingford/A Clissold	Education	E1-3

It was agreed that Branch delegates would be charged with the responsibility of reporting back to their Branches on the Buzz group/planning session.

The President undertook to compile a document collating the reporting of the various groups having regard to the Action Plan developed at Flock House, and this would be available for the September meeting of the Executive.

EDUCATION contd

3. Mr Wallingford tabled copies of the draft proposal to the Authority for Advanced Educational Awards seeking the validation for a proposed ordinary National Certificate in Beekeeping under sub-clause 10(1)(c) of the Vocational Awards Act 1979.

Mr Wallingford outlined the basic concepts of the proposal and, following general discussion, it was agreed that members of the executive would amend/correct/comment on the proposal, such comments to be given on the copy of the Branch proposal made available to them. These to be in the post to Mr Wallingford by Monday 6 August. The President and Mr Wallingford would then liaise in respect of any major amendments required.

FINANCE contd

5. The meeting considered a request for special financial assistance from the Bay of Plenty branch, with particular reference to the pollination committee expenses, and it was agreed that a special grant of \$100 be made.

6. Mr Cloake reported that he had been unable to contact Mr Moar concerning his request for financial assistance to attend the International Palynological Conference, but he undertook to pursue the matter and report back to the executive.

7. It was agreed that, in future, any consideration of the deferment of hive levy payments be recorded in the In Committee minutes.

8. With reference to the discussion earlier in the meeting concerning the availability of 'Practical Beekeeping in New Zealand', it was agreed that 200 copies be ordered and made available to branches in bulk at \$13.50, for onward re-selling to branch members at \$16.00. It was agreed that advice of this proposal be contained in the 'Beekeeper'.

GENERAL:

1. Mr Cloake reported on the Work Skills Project in Timaru and that the Y.M.C.A. was considering preparing a video on the project, and may be approaching the association for some financial assistance towards the preparation of the video.

EDUCATION contd.

4. It was agreed that the Education Committee consist of Mr A.D.Lorimer (North Island) and Mr A. McCaw (South Island).

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6.20 p.m. and re-convened at 5.22 p.m. on Wednesday 25 July.

FINANCE contd.

9. Mr Cloake reported on his discussions with Mr Ecroyd concerning membership of Apimonda and, after some discussion, it was agreed that the association tender its resignation, it being noted that, if necessary, the current year's subscription would have to be paid.

REMTS contd.

15. SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICTS

The meeting supported the proposal contained in this Remit.

16. CANTERBURY

It was agreed that Dr Barry Donovan be asked to provide the conference with an update on the situation in respect of gorse control/mites.

17. CANTERBURY

The comments contained in this Remit were noted.

18. BAY OF PLENTY ASSOCIATION

It was agreed that this was really a matter for consideration and decision by Queen breeders.

EDUCATION contd.

5. At this stage of the meeting Mr John Third of the Telford Farm Training Institute attended and reported that a submission in respect of the bursary/scholarship was in hand, and he indicated that, generally, the current level of support for similar situations was \$500 p.a. A panel was set up by the Board to be responsible for allocating the bursary and, in this case, an NBA representative would be added to the panel. It was agreed, however, to await the receipt of the submission before making a final decision.

Mr Third commented also on a possible request for financial assistance in the long term for a honey house.

Mr Third recorded his appreciation to the executive for its indication of support decided earlier in the meeting.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6.08 p.m. and reconvened at 4.27 p.m. on Thursday 26 July.

In attendance:

The new Executive plus the retired members, Messrs Cloake and Clissold.

CONFERENCE:

1. General discussions took place concerning the financial arrangements in settling hotel accounts for this conference.

2. It was noted that the 1985 conference was scheduled to be held in Greymouth at the Kings Motor Hotel from 22-25 July 1985.

3. It was agreed that the Rules be reproduced including the amendment, and about six copies supplied to each Branch.

CONSIDERATION OF REMITS:REMIT 2. NORTH OTAGO

Agreed that this be included under the general letter of submission to MAF following conference.

REMIT 3. NORTH OTAGO

Agreed that this be included under the general letter of submission to MAF following conference.

REMIT 4. POVERTY BAY

It was noted that this would be part of the Planning proposal.

REMIT 5. POVERTY BAY

It was noted that this would be part of the Planning proposal.

REMIT 6. NELSON

It was noted that a sub-committee had been set up earlier to consider this matter.

REMIT 7. SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICTS

This Remit was lost.

REMIT 8. SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICTS

This Remit was adopted and it was recognised that this action had already been taken.

REMIT 9. AUCKLAND
This Remit was lost.

REMIT 10. AUCKLAND
It was noted that this Remit was to lie upon the table until the next Conference.

REMIT 11. OTAGO
It was agreed that this be referred to the Ministry but initially the Secretary to write to Murray Reid.

REMIT 12. CANTERBURY
This Remit was withdrawn.

REMIT 13. SOUTHLAND
This Remit was lost.

REMIT 14. BAY OF PLENTY
It was agreed that the President discuss this matter with Mr Murray Reid to consider the desirability of holding a meeting and also involving Mr Blackman.

REMIT 15. SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICTS
It was agreed that the Executive Secretary write to the suppliers to ascertain what options were available to beekeepers in the purchase of liquid sugar, Al sugar and raw sugar, and that approaches be made to Trade and Industry to clarify the suggestion that raw sugar could be imported.

REMIT 16. CANTERBURY
The proposal contained in this Remit was noted.

REMIT 17. CANTERBURY
This Remit was withdrawn

REMIT 18. BAY OF PLENTY
This Remit was withdrawn.

It was agreed that, when preparing the Action Plan, Messrs McCaw and van Eaton would take account of any Remits pertaining to that Plan. It was noted that the draft Plan would be available for consideration at the next meeting of the Executive.

GENERAL contd.

2. It was noted that a new Aglink had been prepared in respect of toxic honey/tutu Bush.

3. The President reported that Mr Stuckey had indicated a willingness to continue as the N.B.A. representative on the Apiary Advisory Committee.

4. It was agreed that Mr Gavin White replace Mr Clissold as the representative on Federated Farmers.

5. It was agreed that the library committee consist of the librarian, Mr A. McCaw (ordinary member) and Mr K. Herron (Executive member).

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6. It was agreed that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mr Jim Barber, a life member, who had recently suffered a disastrous fire.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Executive be held in Wellington on Monday and Tuesday 10 and 11 September commencing 10.00 a.m. on the Monday, and that the Trustees be invited to attend on Monday at 2.00 p.m., and that an invitation be extended to the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries to join the Executive for lunch on Tuesday 11th September.

CONCLUSION:

The meeting concluded at 6.09 p.m.

DATE: 10 Sep 84

Ian Berry : CHAIRMAN

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Beekeepers Association of New Zealand (Inc) and the Conference of Branch Delegates held the Conference Room, Devon Motor Lodge, New Plymouth, on Wednesday and Thursday, 25 and 26 July, 1984, commencing on Wednesday 25th July 1984 at 9.16 a.m.

PRESENT:

Mr I. Berry, President, in the Chair
Mr A. McCaw, Vice-President
Messrs W.A.Clissold, M.Cloake, A.D.Lorimer,
D. Ward - members of the Executive Committee
Messrs K. Herron and G. White, Executive
Committee members designate
26 Delegates representing 15 Branches, and
approximately 50 members.

In attendance:

S. C. Goodman, Executive Secretary
M. Burgess, Editor of the 'Beekeeper'
J. Scott, Deputy Director, M.A.F.Advisory Service
M. Reid, and members of the M.A.F. Advisory
Service
M. Schrader, Wallaceville Animal Research Centre

WELCOME TO DELEGATES:

The President welcomed all delegates to the Conference and said that he hoped it would be a constructive and forward thinking gathering.

PRAYER:

The President then invited delegates to stand while Mr T. Rowe read the Conference prayer.

WELCOME:

The delegates were welcomed to New Plymouth by the Mayor, Mr David Lean.

PRESENTATION:

The President then presented a nectar bearing tree to the Mayor, pointing out that beekeepers had presented trees at all centres where conferences had been held in the hope that the community would appreciate the importance of nectar and pollen bearing trees to the beekeeping industry. He also expressed the hope that this tree would be found a place in Pukekura Park.

Mrs Joyce Young of the South Western Districts Branch presented to the Mayor a bouquet of flowers for Mrs Lean.

OPENING ADDRESS:

Mr John Scott, Deputy Director of Advisory Services, then addressed the meeting and the details of his speech are contained in Appendix I.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS:

In commencing his address to delegates, highlighting the activities for 1983, the President made reference to the attendance of Mr Weedon Nicholls, a long-term member of the South Western Districts Branch.

The details of the President's address are contained in Appendix II.

- GENERAL: The President advised the meeting of the Executive decision concerning the new publication 'Practical Beekeeping' which would be made available to branches for \$13.50, to be sold to branch members at a cost of \$16.00 per copy.
- Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10.20 for morning tea and reconvened at 10.55 a.m.
- VOTE OF THANKS: Mr McCaw, on behalf of the meeting, recorded a vote of thanks to the Mayor and Mr Scott.
- APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were recorded from J Glynn, J Hartnell, H. Cloake, D. Lorimer and H. Wright.
- OBITUARIES: The following deaths were advised to the meeting and members stood in silence as a mark of respect:
- C. Greig
R. Bushby
T. Vickers
I. McKenzie
- LIFE MEMBERSHIP: N.B.A. On the recommendation of the Executive, Mr Maas Jan Heineman was proposed for life membership and this was carried by acclamation. Several members spoke highly of Mr Heineman's contribution to the industry. The President then presented the Life Membership Certificate to Mr Heineman, who suitably replied.
- ELECTION RESULTS: The President advised the meeting of the Executive Committee election result :
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| North Island | Mr A D Lorimer being the only nominee had accordingly been declared elected |
| South Island | G E White 826 votes
K M Herron 782 votes
P J Lyttle 434 votes
A Lee 400 votes |
- Accordingly Messrs White and Herron had been declared elected.
- The President, on behalf of the Association, thanked the unsuccessful South Island candidates for having allowed their names to go forward for nomination.
- The meeting recorded a vote of thanks to the two retiring Executive Council members, Messrs W A Clissold and M Cloake who had not sought re-election.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

BRANCHES

The meeting was advised that Branch Life membership had been granted by the following branches :

OTAGO	Charlie Foote
MARLBOROUGH	Enid Tiffin

REPORTS:

PESTICIDES BOARD:

The President, Mr I Berry, read his report to members, copies of which were made available to Conference delegates. General discussion took place on the matter of 1080 poisoning.

LIBRARY REPORT:

Mr J Heineman presented his report, copies of which were made available to delegates, and the meeting recorded, by acclamation, its appreciation to Mr Heineman for his services as Librarian.

'BEEKEEPER'

The editor of the 'Beekeeper', Mr M Burgess, addressed the members, stressing the need for contributions, indicating the need for members to make him aware of articles which had a time scale significance. He also commented on the paper quality of the magazine, the need for contributors to ensure that their facts were correct, and reported on the endeavours being made and the problems experienced in increasing advertising in the publication.

TELFORD FARM TRAINING INSTITUTE

Mr John Third, Principal of Telford Farm Training Institute, presented a report to the meeting, reviewing the development of the beekeeping programme at Telford.

The President mentioned that the Executive was still considering the matter of a scholarship/bursary for the Institute.

BAY OF PLENTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Mr N. Wallingford read his report, copies of which were made available to delegates.

BRANCH REPORTS:

1) SOUTHLAND

Mr Lee reported that it had been another wet season but that the crop had been a little better than last year and members had averaged 1.9 tonnes per 100. There was, however, concern at lack of attendance at Branch meetings.

2) SOUTH CANTERBURY

Mr Cloake reported that the crop varied from area to area, from very poor to very good, but that, in general, members had had a mixed year.

There had been a lot of Branch activities, including field days, and he commented on the Branch involvement with the YMCA Work Skills Project.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS: Timekeeper

IT WAS RESOLVED that Mr T Rowe of the South Western District Branch be appointed timekeeper.

Scrutineers

IT WAS RESOLVED that Messrs S.Hooper and N.McDonald of the South Western District Branch be appointed scrutineers.

Speaking times

IT WAS RESOLVED that the mover be allowed 5 minutes to speak; the seconder 3 minutes, and subsequent speakers 3 minutes.

Tape Recorders

IT WAS RESOLVED that tape recorders be allowed.

It was noted that Northland and Bay of Plenty delegates had tape recorders.

NOTICES OF MOTION:

The President advised the meeting of the provisions of Rule 17(c) and requested members to have these made available to the Executive Secretary now to allow for photocopying.

The President advised the meeting that three additional Remits had already been handed to the Executive Secretary.

DELEGATES TO CONFERENCE:

<u>BRANCH</u>	<u>DELEGATE</u>	<u>D/DELEGATE</u>
1. Northland	Malcolm Haines	Terry Gavin
2. Auckland	Ben Rawnsley	Helen Wright
3. Waikato	L. Hansen	Tony Lorimer
4. Bay of Plenty	D. Warr	N. Wallingford
5. Poverty Bay	Brian Smith	Ian Stewart
6. Hawkes Bay	Paul Ashcroft	Percy Berry
7. S.W.Districts	Vernon Gledstone-Brown	Stuart Tweeddale
8. Nelson	Mike Wright	Gavin White
9. Marlborough	R.J.Clarke	
10. West Coast	John Glasson	
11. Canterbury	A. Hill	J. Chisnall
12. S.Canterbury	M.D. Cloake	
13. N.Otago	M.D. Cloake	
14. Otago	I. Dickinson	J. Heineman
15. Southland	A. Lee	K. Herron

BRANCH REPORTS cont.

3) Mr Dickinson, on behalf of the Otago Branch, commented that the crop had been very patchy, but average crops had been in line with those reported for Southland.

The Branch sends out to members a newsletter following each Branch meeting. He also commented on the joint convention held with the Southland Branch at Telford; on field days held by the Branch, and its 'Trees for Bees' promotion now being taken up by the N.B.A. He recorded the Branch's appreciation to Mr Cliff van Eaton.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12.30 p.m. for lunch and re-convened at 2.02 p.m.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and of the Conference of Branch Delegates held on Wednesday and Thursday 27/28 July 1983, having been circulated, were taken as read, and the Chairman was authorised to sign them as a true and correct record.

Adjournment: The Annual General Meeting of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc) was adjourned at 2.04 p.m. to allow for the Conference of Branch Delegates which commenced at 2.05 p.m.

Executive Secretary's note - the Annual General Meeting re-convened at 9.51 a.m. on Thursday 26 July, 1984.

REMIT NO. 1 - EXECUTIVE

AMENDMENT TO RULE 2

A. PRESENT RULES

In these Rules, unless inconsistent with the context: 'Hive Levy' means the annual levy payable by producers to the Honey Marketing Authority in accordance with the Regulations. 'The Regulations' means the Honey Marketing Authority Regulations 1985, or any regulations in amendment or substitution therefor. 'Year' and 'Financial Year' mean from the first day of January to the thirty-first day of December.

B. PROPOSED AMENDMENT

In these Rules, unless inconsistent with the context: 'Hive Levy' means the annual levy payable by Beekeepers to the National Beekeeper Association of New Zealand Inc. in accordance with the Act. 'The Act' means the Hive Levy Act 1975 or any amendments or substitutions therefor. 'Year' and 'Financial Year' mean from the first day of January to the thirty-first day of December.

The meeting noted the amendment to 1975 and not 1985 as indicated in the notice of present rule.

Agreed that this was a matter for the Association in General Meeting.

REMIT NO. 2 - NORTH OTAGO

THAT THIS CONFERENCE REQUEST THE M.A.F. IN APPOINTING FURTHER ADVISORY OFFICERS THAT PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE BE GIVEN GREATER PREFERENCE RATHER THAN PLACE THE EMPHASIS ON A DEGREE

Footnote : Academic qualifications alone do not make a good advisory officer. Indeed the past has proved that our best advisory officers had no academic qualifications.

REMIT NO. 3 - NORTH OTAGO

THAT THIS CONFERENCE REQUEST M.A.F. TO APPOINT MORE PART-TIME INSPECTORS.

Footnote: With the large increase in hive numbers and part-time beekeepers with little or no experience, the possibility of disease through lack of inspection has become greater. The recent chalkbrood in Northland highlighted the lack of inspection and hive registration.

AMENDMENT

THAT THE WORD 'MORE' BE DELETED AND REPLACED WITH 'ADEQUATE NUMBER OF'

The amendment was CARRIED 13 : 1 and, on becoming the Motion CARRIED 13 : 1.

REMIT NO. 4 - POVERTY BAY

THAT THE N.B.A. WORK TOWARDS MORE POSITIVE RECOGNITION OF BEEKEEPING AS A BUSINESS.

To assist the proper finance of the beekeeping business recognition and acceptance that beehives can be regarded as assets for loan security is a concept that should be actively pursued by N.B.A. The Rural Bank does not currently regard beehives as suitable for security in the manner of livestock, thus making the financing of a business based on beehives dependant on other assets. For the individual beekeeper to convince a District Office of the Rural Bank that beehives are a tangible asset can be difficult; a national effort by N.B.A. is requested.

The Mover agreed to include in the Motion the following amendment -

Delete the word "work", and replace with "continue working".

CARRIED 14 : 0 (Unanimously)

REMIT NO. 5 - POVERTY BAY

THE POVERTY BAY BRANCH IS PLEASED TO NOTE THE THEME OF THE N.B.A. AND M.A.F. SEMINAR AND ASKS THAT POSITIVE POST CONFERENCE ACTION BE TAKEN ON THIS THEME BY N.B.A.

To implement the theme a national and professionally done advertising campaign should be placed. The campaign's objectives should be to acquaint all New Zealanders with the health values derived from honey.

CARRIED 13 : 1

REMIT NO. 6 - NELSON

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT THE EXECUTIVE USE A PORTION OF THE INCOME OF THE INDUSTRY FUND IN THE PROMOTION OF INCREASED HONEY AND POLLEN CONSUMPTION WITHIN NEW ZEALAND

This remit is basically the same as that proposed by Nelson Branch last year. It received most favourable support at last year's conference from all delegates. We have seen no evidence of any action and we are concerned that it seems no longer to be a priority of the Executive.

(Deferred until later in the meeting - see Page 10).

REMIT NO. 7 - SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICTS

THAT THE N.B.A. APPROACH MAF ON THE POSSIBILITY OF COMPLETE AND ONGOING INSPECTION AND DISEASE-FREE ACCREDITATION OF REGISTERED QUEEN BREEDERS APIARIES

A voluntary scheme instigated to give peace of mind to customers and early clearance to 'breeders' found free of disease in an outbreak to continue operating with as little interruption and hindrance to their businesses as possible.

AMENDMENT

THAT THE NBA. EXECUTIVE ENCOURAGE THE FORMATION OF AN ASSOCIATION OF QUEEN BREEDERS TO FORMULATE A SET OF REALISABLE AND RECOGNISABLE GUIDELINES FOR A PROFESSIONAL APPROACH TO THE BREEDING AND SUPPLY OF QUEEN BEES

The President ruled the Amendment out of order and the Bay of Plenty delegate requested that it be presented as a remit of which 45 days notice had not been given (Rule 17c) (See Page No. 10)

LOST 12 : 2

REMIT NO. 8 - SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICTS

THAT THE NBA APPROACH THE RURAL BANK FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT AS IN THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS TO BEEKEEPERS SEEKING HELP TO SUSTAIN HIVE NUMBERS IN THE SECOND DISASTROUS YEAR IN SUCCESSION IN MANY PARTS OF THE COUNTRY

CARRIED 11 : 0

REMIT NO. 9 - AUCKLAND

THAT THE PAYMENT OF THE FINAL DATE FOR THE HIVE LEVY PAYMENT BE ALTERED TO MAY 31ST ANNUALLY

As 65% of apiarist commitments are due for demand penalty on or before 1st April each year, this industry levy could assist of one more demand by a 2 month deferment. Bear in mind that little or no income has been received by members by the end of March in any one year.

LOST 11 : 2

REMIT NO. 10 - AUCKLAND

CONFERENCE REQUESTS THE NBA EXECUTIVE TO APPROACH THE DEPT OF HEALTH TO FORMULATE A PRACTICAL POLICY REGARDING BEES IN HONEY HOUSES

The Auckland City Council now requires in writing from apiarists how he can reduce bees entering a honey house when a vehicle is unloading honey supers

Description of Honey House in Question -
extracting room built inside modern factory with no external windows or air connections. Found in extracting room 1 hour after unloading supers, count 32 dead bees beneath electronic blitz exterminator. NO live bees flying or otherwise. Flying/milling at extracting room screen door, 14 flying bees drifting in the aroma. Flying in 6,000 sq.ft. unloading area/workshop and scaling the roofline windows looking for exit, up to 800.

As the bees are killed by an exterminator when they enter the extracting room and numbered only 30 DEAD is this unhygienic. If not, has a Health Dept. officer the right to withhold a licence thus putting an operator out of business.

Adjournment:

During debate on Remit No. 10 the meeting adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.36 p.m. and reconvened at 4.00 p.m.

REMIT NO. 10 contd. A Motion that THIS REMIT LIE UPON THE TABLE UNTIL THE NEXT CONFERENCE OF DELEGATES was

CARRIED 9 : 4

REMIT NO. 11 - OTAGO

THAT EXECUTIVE APPROACHES THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES TO CONSIDER MAKING A TRAINING PROGRAMME AVAILABLE FOR ADVISORY TRAINEES IN APICULTURE

In view of the situation which prevailed in the South Island recently where, for some time, there was only one Apicultural Advisory Officer, and the present situation where the country is short of two officers, we would urge that a trainee officer(s) be kept in reserve to fill a vacancy immediately it arises. At present it will be at least six months before a newly appointed officer could take up full duties.

AMENDMENT

THAT EXECUTIVE APPROACHES THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES TO INCLUDE THE OPTION OF APICULTURE IN AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY OFFICER WORK EXPERIENCE TRAINING SCHEMES.

The Mover of the remit agreed that the amendment now stand as the Motion and this was agreed to by the delegates.

CARRIED 14 : 0 (unanimously)

REMIT NO. 12 - CANTERBURY

THAT THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES ENSURE ADEQUATELY TRAINED APIARY STAFF ARE AVAILABLE TO FILL APPOINTMENT PROMPTLY

Agreed by 12 : 0 that the remit be WITHDRAWN

REMIT NO. 13 - SOUTHLAND

AS PART OF THE N.B.A. MANAGEMENT PLAN, UNDER THE GOAL OF INCREASED INDUSTRY PROFITABILITY, THE EXECUTIVE UNDERTAKE TO ESTABLISH A 'NATIONAL HONEY CROP INSURANCE PROGRAMME' WITH A SUITABLE ACTION PLAN TO MEET THIS OBJECTIVE BY 1985/86.

As well as protecting against serious financial hardship, a crop insurance scheme would serve to encourage more favourable response from lending institutions, as well as preserving confidence and security for the future of the beekeeping industry.

AMENDMENT

THAT THE WORDS "UNDERTAKE TO ESTABLISH" BE DELETED AND REPLACED WITH "INVESTIGATE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF"

The Mover of the remit agreed that the Motion as amended now stand as the Motion.

Following an equality of voting - 7 : 7 - a poll was called and resulting in the remit being

LOST 490 : 287

GENERAL:

During preparation of the poll vote the President reminded delegates and members of the need for Branches to understand and comply with the provisions of Rule 24.

REMIT NO. 14 - BAY OF PLENTY

THAT THIS CONFERENCE DIRECT THAT THE NBA EXECUTIVE INVESTIGATE THE PRINCIPLE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HIVES AS A RECOGNISED PRIME COLLATERAL FOR LOANS

Note : Four questions need to be addressed -

1. What is a hive? An adequate definition must be agreed upon.
2. How can a hive be legally identified?
3. Can a hive be legally secured during transit?
4. Questions regarding the right of access to the apiary site and site registration, seasonal and permanent sites.

To be acceptable to the Rural Bank and similar lending institutions, these questions need nationally acceptable definitions and answers.

The President reminded Branches of the format for presenting remits to Conference and commented that technically this remit (use of word 'direct') was out of order.

CARRIED 14 : 0 (unanimously)

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5.10 p.m. and reconvened at 9.07 am on Thursday 26 July, 1984.

REMIT NO. 6 - NELSON (Deferred from earlier in the meeting (see page 7))

AMENDMENT

THAT THIS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT THE EXECUTIVE PROMOTES INCREASED HONEY AND POLLEN CONSUMPTION WITHIN NEW ZEALAND

The Amendment was

CARRIED 14 : 0

and, on becoming the Motion

CARRIED 14 : 0

REMITS REMITS OF WHICH 45 DAYS NOTICE HAD NOT BEEN GIVEN (Rule 17c)

REMIT NO. 15 - SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICTS

THAT DUE TO GOVERNMENT PRICING ON SUGAR, THIS CONFERENCE IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE LACK OF COMPETITIVE PRICES AND ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF SUPPLY, OF SUGAR REQUIRED BY THE BEEKEEPING INDUSTRY.

Footnote:

Owing to two bad seasons and the amount of sugar the beekeeping industry is using and the expectation of it now going up in price due to devaluation, the importance of sugar being required by beekeepers for normal

feeding of hives and the large increases in
hive numbers required for pollination purposes,
the price is paramount.

Deferred until later in the meeting (See later
Page No. 11)

REMIT NO. 16 - CANTERBURY

THAT THE CANTERBURY BRANCH VIEWS WITH GRAVE
CONCERN THAT THERE MAY STILL BE ACTIVE
ATTEMPTS BEING MADE TO INTRODUCE GORSE AND
BROOM CONTROLLING INSECTS. ALTHOUGH IT IS
ACCEPTED THAT THESE PLANTS ARE AGRICULTURALLY
UNDESIRABLE IT MUST BE ALSO RECOGNISED THAT
THEY ARE VITAL AND SOMETIMES THE ONLY POLLEN
SOURCES FOR BEES IN MANY AREAS

Deferred until later in the meeting (See later
Page No. 11)

REMIT NO. 17 - CANTERBURY

THAT THE CANTERBURY BRANCH EXPRESS THEIR
DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE NEW LAYOUT OF THE
REMIT PAPER, AND WOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND
THAT IN FUTURE REMITS SHOULD BE LISTED UNDER
TOPIC HEADINGS AND BE NUMBERED FOR REFERENCE

With the agreement of delegates this remit
was withdrawn as the matter was already noted
by the Executive.

REMIT NO. 18 - BAY OF PLENTY

THAT THE NBA EXECUTIVE ENCOURAGE THE FORMATION
OF AN ASSOCIATION OF QUEEN BREEDERS TO
FORMULATE A SET OF REALISABLE AND RECOGNISABLE
GUIDELINES FOR A PROFESSIONAL APPROACH TO THE
BREEDING AND SUPPLY OF QUEEN BEES.

The meeting was advised that a meeting of
Queen breeders had been held the previous
evening and it had been agreed to set up a
committee to consider the setting up of a
Queen Breeders Association, and the matter to
be further considered at the 1985 Conference.

REMIT WITHDRAWN

REMIT NO. 15 - (See top of this page)

There was no objection by delegates to this
remit being discussed. Noted the word "control"
should be added after "pricing")

CARRIED 12 : 0

REMIT NO. 16 - (See earlier this page)

There was no objection by delegates to this
remit being discussed.

CARRIED 12 : 1

CLOSURE:

The conference of Branch Delegates concluded at 9.51 a.m. and the Annual General Meeting of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc) then reconvened.

INDUSTRY PLANNING:

The meeting now broke up into study groups to consider the following six topics :

1. Liaison with Government
2. The 'Beekeeper'
3. Development of Long Term Industry plan
4. 'Trees for Bees' programme
5. Promotion
6. Marketing

The Industry Planning session concluded at 12. 10 p.m.

REPORTS:

ADVISORY SERVICE

Mr Murray Reid presented his report on the Advisory Services Division of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and copies were made available to conference delegates.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 12.30 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 2.04 p.m.

REPORTS contd.

APICULTURE SECTION, WALLACEVILLE

Mr Mike Schrader presented his report on the Apiculture Section, Wallaceville Animal Research Centre, and copies were made available to delegates.

ENTOMOLOGY DEPARTMENT, DSIR

Dr Barry Donovan reported to members on aspects of research being undertaken by the DSIR and, in particular, commented on the spreading throughout New Zealand of the new wasps, although there was no recorded evidence of them attacking hives. With regard to the parasite for gorse, examination in quarantine was still being undertaken. There were at least two species of chalkbrood fungus in New Zealand. He supported the proposal to bring Dr Anderson to New Zealand under contract, and he commented on the hill country pollination research.

BRANCH REPORTS

AUCKLAND

No delegate present at this stage of the meeting.

WAIKATO

Mr Hansen reported that the Branch had been working closely with neighbouring branches on field days and also in respect of the code of ethics. The President read to the meeting the beekeeping code of ethics prepared by three Branches at a meeting in Tauranga on 28th June 1984.

BAY OF PLENTY

Mr Ward indicated that the strength of the Branch was related to the kiwifruit industry. The Branch acknowledged the contribution made by Messrs Reid, Bryant and Wallingford. Many field days and workshops had been held, and it was anticipated that 28,000 hives would be involved in pollination this year.

NELSON

Mr White reported that with the development of horticulture in this area they were experiencing many of the problems that the Bay of Plenty had had some years ago.

Their branch was endeavouring to arrange for a letter of intent between beekeepers and users.

MARLBOROUGH

Mr Clark reported that hive numbers were on the increase in the Marlborough area and he referred to the annual meeting with the Nelson and Wellington Branches.

SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICTS

Mr Gledstone Brown reported on a second poor season which had presented generally trying conditions, both in regard to production and finance. One of the main problems facing the Branch was the great distance covered and the difficulties this created in arranging regular meetings.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.06 p.m. and reconvened at 3.36 p.m.

CHANGE OF RULES

It was agreed by 34 : 0 that Rule 2 of the Association's Rules be amended to read :

IN THESE RULES, UNLESS INCONSISTENT WITH THE CONTEXT: 'HIVE LEVY' MEANS THE ANNUAL LEVY PAYABLE BY BEEKEEPERS TO THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPER ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND INC. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ACT. 'THE ACT' MEANS THE HIVE LEVY ACT 1978 OR ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUBSTITUTIONS THEREFOR. 'YEAR' AND 'FINANCIAL YEAR' MEAN FROM THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY TO THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER.

ANNUAL REPORT

It was agreed that the Annual Report and Financial Statement be taken as read and received.

It was further agreed that the Annual Report and Financial Statement be adopted.

CHAIRMAN

For the election of the President, the Executive Secretary took the chair.

ELECTION

The President, Mr I Berry, was re-elected unopposed and then took the chair.

The Vice-President, Mr A. McCaw, was re-elected unopposed.

Auditors : Messrs Cooper & Lybrand were re-appointed.

1985 CONFERENCE

It was agreed that the 1985 Conference be held in Greymouth, and it was tentatively set for the 22/25 July 1985.

GENERAL

1) General discussion took place in respect of the Beekeepers Code of Ethics as agreed by the Bay of Plenty, Waikato and Auckland Branches at a meeting on 28th June 1984, and Branches were urged to take this paper back to their members for discussion and forward any comments to the National Association so that a summary could be prepared and published in the 'Beekeeper'.

2) It was noted that the organising branch (South Western Districts) would prepare a report on this conference and would welcome comments and suggestions from other attending Branches.

It was reported to the meeting that there was in existence a conference organisation document which had been compiled in 1972 and had been handed from organising branch to organising branch.

3) The meeting conveyed a vote of thanks to the two retiring Council members, Messrs. Clissold and Cloake.

CONCLUSION

On behalf of those present, Mr Clissold recorded appreciation to the South Western Districts for their organisation of the conference, and this was carried by acclamation.

The meeting concluded at 4.15 p.m.

Ian Berry

Confirmed

24 Jul 85 Date

J.B.
10.9.85

APPENDIX I

N.B.A. CONFERENCE NEW PLYMOUTH 25/7/84

OPENING ADDRESS : MR JOHN SCOTT, Deputy Director of Advisory Services.
MAF

This is the second time that I've had the chance to speak to you at an annual conference. I met with you last year at Nelson and put forward my views on the importance of planning and the part that I thought you should play in this. A controversial topic and I was provocative.

I welcome this second chance because there are things that have happened this year in your organisation that I want to comment on and also because I would like to share with you what is happening in MAF.

For a start, I sat in for a while at a planning workshop at Flock House with your Executive, some MAF staff and representatives of some other interest groups.

It was a heart warming experience to join that band of grizzled individuals and see them working as a team - to hear them debating strengths, weaknesses and opportunities. I was impressed with the way they accepted the discipline required by planning and their concern for the industry as a whole.

I believe, however, that this could all go for nought unless you too contribute. I can't see your executive wanting to impose their decisions on you without consultation, without feedback, without seeking your ideas and your response to this will determine the effectiveness of the whole planning exercise.

Now I would like to shift the focus from beekeepers to planning in MAF and, as I said before, share some of our experiences and conclusions with you.

For a start, we defined our purpose, which is - "to contribute to a sustainable increase in net export earnings by improving the range quality volume and value of N.Z's agriculture."

The results we are looking for from this contribution lie in the following areas :

Agricultural development and productivity
Plant Health
Quality assurance
Agricultural policy

All of these four "Result areas" have a bearing on our relationship with you folk - with the beekeeping industry.

Agricultural Development and Productivity

Much of the work of our Apicultural Advisory Officers is directed to this end and I'm sure you will be aware of examples of advisers passing on information, ideas, technology, which have lead to increased productivity - yesterday's seminar is one example.

Bee Health

This is an area where we have responsibilities under legislation - responsibilities we share with all beekeepers to monitor disease status and take appropriate action when disease is present. We take this job very seriously. It can, and very occasionally does, give rise to conflict. For our part I believe we must show a proper concern for the rights of the beekeeper and, at the

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same time ensure that what has to be done is done. There is probably a continuing need for action by both MAF and industry to publicise the hazards of diseases to all beekeepers -particularly newcomers and hobbyists.

Quality Assurance

In this case the certification of export produce. It's a case of the N.Z. Government saying to the Government of the importing country - yes, we know your requirements and we verify that this consignment meets those requirements.

Agricultural Policy

Our input to Government policy - that is the information and advice we give to the Government of the day. One example that comes to mind is the representation we made to Government last year for assistance to Southland beekeepers.

A major difficulty we face is in deciding how a limited MAF resource can best be allocated between all the opportunities that exist in this country for increasing net export earnings.

We look at present export earnings. We look at indirect contributions. We assess the vigour of our industry - the likelihood of it achieving its potential for growth and, finally, we allocate resources on a best bet basis.

At present about 3% of ASD's resources is directed to your industry and I believe we would want some pretty strong evidence of growth in productivity to justify a change in this.

The planning exercise your Executive has initiated is certainly a move in this direction and I would look in particular at Goal No. 6 -

DEVELOP A LONG TERM INDUSTRY PLAN

In conclusion, may I comment on a statement from Dr Shimanuki who said "that N.Z. Beekeepers have a reputation second to none", and I urge you to preserve this reputation.

PRESIDENTS REPORT TO THE 1984 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

t is now my privilege and pleasure to present the Presidents Annual report.

One year ago you made me your National President and to me it has been satisfying and enjoyable twelve months. I have come to know many fine people better and I have also met a lot of interesting people for the first time. It has also been a lot of work and I would like to give some special thanks to the people who have helped with the work load.

Firstly, to my wife Pat and everyone at Arataki Honey who have had to carry my share of the family and business work while I have been attending to N.B.A. matters. To Steuart Goodman our Executive Secretary and the staff at the Pork Industry Board for their helpful and efficient service. To our new Editor, Michael Burgess and our new advertising manager Elisabeth Burgess, who are both working hard to make our "New Zealand Beekeeper" even better. To Trevor Walton our retiring Editor and his team for their past years of service and for assisting with the smooth change over of Editorship. To the other five members of the Executive for their help and co-operation which has enabled us to deal with our work load in a calm, relaxed and efficient manner. To the many people from the Branches who have helped over the year, and last but by no means least, to the many M.A.F. and other government people whom it has been my pleasure to deal with during the past year. Time does not permit me to name them all but I feel I must make special mention of Murray Reid and his team of Apiary Advisory Officers. Without their help and assistance in so many ways my job would have been a lot more difficult and time consuming. To all those people whom I have mentioned plus the many others who have helped - Thank you.

The motto of our Association is "Better Beekeeping - Better Marketing". For the second season in a row "Better Beekeeping" has been the main concern. The 1982-83 season saw the lowest ever recorded production per hive in New Zealand and the 1983-84 season has also been very poor in many areas. Many of our members are at present facing financial problems with poor, or in a few cases, complete failure of the honey crop two years in a row. The long difficult Spring of 1983 with its big bills for sugar to keep the bees alive did not help either.

The chalk brood episode was the big news of the year. It appears likely that it will not be such big news in the future. Rather one or fairly minor problem we will have to learn to live with, in fact, it seems likely some of us may have been living with it for some time already.

On the brighter side pollination fees are rapidly becoming a larger part of many more beekeepers income and it may not be long before most beekeepers in the North Island and in the Nelson and Marlborough districts will be receiving at least some income from pollination fees.

Honey production has been down there has been sufficient honey, with the carry-over from previous years, to meet the needs of the N.Z. market. This is fortunate because it is very important that the market is kept well supplied and so keep down any possible pressures which could arise to import honey into N.Z. The importing of foreign honey could result in the introduction of serious exotic bee diseases and we can well do without the problems these diseases would bring to our industry. It is probably also fortunate that we haven't had to export much honey in the past two years with the keen competition for markets that has existed. The export comb honey market has become difficult with the Middle East war and increasing competition from other exporting countries.

We must always keep in mind there is no use producing a product unless it can be sold at a price which at least covers costs. If the market does become over supplied at a price there are five courses of action which can be taken.

(1) Store the surplus until the market improves. Our two main products, honey and beeswax, are more or less non-perishable and can be stored for long periods at low cost. This greatly simplifies the marketing of our products compared with almost all other agricultural and horticultural products, with the exception of wool.

(2) Find alternative markets. This could include new uses for honey such as dried honey.

(3) Reduce costs to enable a reduction in selling prices, or at least, hold prices and so make honey more competitive with alternative spreads.

Co-operative bulk buying of packaging materials and the recent dramatic reduction in internal transport costs are two examples of worthwhile cost reductions.

(4) Increase consumption of honey by increased promotion. Honey is already receiving widespread promotion through supermarket specials, but there are many other forms of promotion which could be used. However, we must always keep in mind, money spent on promotion is a cost to add to the price to the consumer, which in itself could tend to reduce sales.

(5) Reduce production. The N.Z. honey crop can be adjusted by about 2,000 tonnes per year by feeding more or less sugar. When honey stocks are low, more honey can be extracted and more sugar fed. When there is an over supply of honey, less honey can be extracted and less sugar fed for winter and spring stores.

For many years marketing, better or otherwise, dominated our industry conferences. Our conferences took three days instead of the present two and they were noted for their lively debates and a general lack of co-operation between the different sections of our industry.

Fortunately those days seem to be largely over and beekeepers are now working together and moving forward in a manner which should make for a bright future for our industry. New developments in industry planning, beekeeper education and "Trees for Bees" programmes are three examples of the result of greater beekeeping co-operation. I have heard it said that the more co-operative attitudes are due to the changing personnel within the industry. Frankly, I doubt it. This industry has always had its share of rugged individualists, it still has, and probably always will. I believe the reasons for the changing attitudes within our industry has been the correction of four bad faults in the foundations on which our industry was built. These faults have now been corrected and I feel we owe a great debt to those within our industry who saw the problems and after many years came up with the answers.

At this conference we are hoping to place more emphasis than usual on forward planning, but I feel we should take a few moments to reflect on past mistakes and make sure we do not let history repeat itself. As I see it the four major problems that were the cause of so much strife within our industry were:-

(1) The Seals Levy. This was a system where one section of our industry was forced to pay a substantial levy to another section of our industry without any apparent benefits to those paying the levy. It was also complicated, expensive and difficult to administer. The present hive levy by comparison, where the levy is paid on hives by almost all commercial beekeepers at a fairly low rate, seems a much more practical, reasonable and readily acceptable way of providing industry finance.

(2) The blocking of the economic channels of export for our honey by the restricting of the exporting of N.Z. honey to one single channel. Not only did it keep the price received for our export honey at an unnecessarily low level, but the way it was administered did nothing to promote industry harmony.

3) The demise of the Honey Marketing Authority and the formation of the N.Z. Honey Producers Co-Operative has solved the problem of the suppliers of bulk honey not being able to organise and control their own affairs without the overview of a board.

4) The present N.B.A. voting system, where votes are allocated on a system of 1-12 votes per member, depending on the number of hives and the fact the delegates can now cast the number of votes both for and against a remit at conference in accordance with the wishes of the members at the Branch remit meetings, has proved very sound. The old system of one member one vote, where two hobbyists at a branch remit meeting could outvote a commercial beekeeper and then the delegate would take those three votes to conference and cast them against the wishes of the commercial beekeeper, was most unsound.

One of the main achievements of the N.B.A. during the past year was the planning meeting held at Flock House last May. The purpose of the meeting was to lay the foundations for a system of organised planning for the future of our industry. Preferably a system in which all our members will have a chance to make their contributions should they so wish. During the meeting we set out the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of beekeeping in New Zealand and it soon became obvious that this industry has a lot of strengths going for it at the present time. Some of the more important strengths, as I can see it, are:-

1) Beekeeping is important to the N.Z. economy - Without our bees to carry out the necessary pollination we would have no kiwifruit industry in N.Z., no apple and pear industry, no stone fruit industry and white clover upon which our pastoral farmers depend so much could become an endangered species.

2) Beekeeping is not a burden on the taxpayer - During the past few years our industry has made substantial growth with little cost to the taxpayer. This compares favourably with the S.M.P's and massive amounts of 1% finance provided to some other sectors of agriculture in N.Z.

3) New Zealanders eat a lot of honey - The average person in this country eats more honey per year than the people of almost any other country in the world. And so they should of course. We are providing them with a wide range of top quality honeys, well packaged in a variety of attractive containers, at reasonable prices. If Australians ate as much honey per head of population they would be net importers of honey rather than exporters.

4) We are now free of export controls for our products - The restrictions which prevented us from making full use of our export opportunities have now been removed. We can now select the most profitable channels of export to give us the best returns at any particular time.

We do, of course, have weaknesses as well as strengths.

The planning meeting pinpointed a total of 42. Among these were - the climate - lack of disease diagnosis services and inadequate research - low and variable profits - high cost of sugar to feed bees - low level of securable assets for borrowing and the misuse of pesticides.

Looking toward the future the planning meeting saw opportunities in lowering production costs - increased queen exports - "Trees for Bees" - more hives needed for pollination - better beekeeping education - better bred bees and increased co-operative enterprise between beekeepers. Balancing this we saw threats such as - decreases in pollen and nectar sources - artificial pollination - protectionism in international trade - overstocking, especially in horticultural areas - inadequate finance availability and the possible introduction of exotic diseases. Leading on from our analysis of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT for short) we developed a list of goals and objectives for our industry and these will be discussed in detail during our proposed planning session tomorrow.

The two Trust Funds which were finally set up on the first of this month contain a total of \$817,554 made up of \$654,043 in the General Trust (of which almost \$600,000 is on loan to the Co-op) and \$163,511 in a Charitable Trust. Mr Kay indicates there should be an annual tax paid income from the two Trusts of approximately \$37,000. This is roughly equal to the present income from the hive levy. The three trustees of the Trust Funds are, Mr David Kay, Mr Russell Berry and Mr Ivan Dickinson. No doubt the trustees will ensure this substantial amount of income will be put to good use for the future benefit of our industry.

Now what are the prospects for the next twelve months. Hopefully, a bigger crop of honey. With two poor seasons in a row and some producer-packers already running short of honey, it would be desirable if the N.Z. honey stocks could be built up to a higher level. With the low carry-over of honey expected at New Year 1985 a third poor season could result in shortages within N.Z. late 1985. With rapidly increasing numbers of hives needed for pollination we now have overstocking in some of our honey producing areas. This I feel will lead to bigger fluctuations in the N.Z. honey crop. In average or below average seasons these overstocked areas will produce less than they would if they had not been overstocked. On the other hand in the high production years, when hives tend to produce well no matter how many hives are in the area, we could see some very big crops.

During the next twelve months we are hoping to get our planning scheme for the future firmly established and also take a further big step forward in our education programme with the introduction of our National Certificate in Beekeeping. Mr Nick Wallingford and Mr Kevin Hearle, both from the Bay of Plenty Community College, and Mr Lawson Robinson from the Education Department, have put in a lot of good work to bring this project nearer to completion. It seems likely that by 1st December 1984, Telford Farm Training Institute will have a certificate, approved by the N.B.A., for those students who complete the beekeeping course being taught there by Mr Paul Marshall. "Trees for Bees" and honey promotion are two areas in which we should make significant progress and we understand we can expect to see an Apiary Advisory Officer stationed at Whangarei before too long. This will fill a long felt need in Northland. Also during the next twelve months we are hoping to work even more closely with Murray Reid and his team and I am reasonably optimistic that we could have a scientist based at D.S.I.R. Mt. Albert, specialising in bee disease diagnosis and research by early 1985.

We are hoping to encourage members and others to take a much more active interest in our journal "The New Zealand Beekeeper" and so make it, not just one of the best beekeeping journals in the world, but "The Best". If we can do this we should then be able to increase our circulation and this would mean even more improvements. Our journal has a big part to play in the most important role of our National Beekeepers' Association, which is I believe, to provide the means by which all involved in our industry can communicate freely with each other. Good communications should help us to work together for the good of our industry and the good of New Zealand.

We now have a change of Government and a 20% devaluation. This devaluation, while pushing up some of our costs, should help the marketing of our products in several ways. So much so that I would like to conclude this report by predicting that 1985 will not bring any major problems in the marketing of our main products and that we will need to place the emphasis on "Better Beekeeping" rather than "Better Marketing" for at least one more year.

Ian Berry

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NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC)

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc.) held in the Board Room, 11th Floor, Dalmuir House, Wellington, on Monday and Tuesday September 10 and 11, 1984, commencing at 10.00 a.m. on Monday 10th.

PRESENT: Mr I Berry, President, in the Chair

Messrs A McCaw, K Herron, A Lorimer, D Ward, G White

In attendance at times during the meeting :

Mr G M Reid

Messrs D Kay, R Berry and I Dickinson, Trustees

MINUTES: 1. The Minutes of the Executive meeting commencing 23 July, having been circulated, were taken as read and received, and the Chairman authorised to sign them as a true and correct record, after noting the following corrections :

- a) the spelling of Mr Matheson's name;
- b) the list of those also attending at times during the meeting to include Mr J Third of Telford Farm Institute

2. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Association and Conference of Branch Delegates held on 25/26 July 1984, having been circulated, were noted as a true and correct record of the meeting, after noting the following two amendments on page 13 :

- a) Bay of Plenty delegate being Mr WARR,
- b) Reference to Wellington Branch should refer to Wellington ASSOCIATION

Mr Herron advised the meeting that the Annual General Meeting should have been advised of the death of Mr W Adamson of Central Otago.

The President indicated that the Executive should give consideration to changes in the Agenda timetable for the 1985 conference, providing for :

- a) The Advisory Services report to be presented on the morning of the first day;
- b) The vote of thanks to the guest speakers to be made at the conclusion of the second address.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1. Mr Lorimer reported that there had been no further developments in respect of the Waikato District Scheme.

2. The President tabled a proposal for an alternative Life Member's certificate, and it was agreed that consideration of the final design be deferred until the next meeting. The Executive Secretary undertook to investigate the use of a colour photo-copy service as a possibility to produce certificates from a master copy, as needed.

3. In respect of the proposal for Life Membership received late for the 1984 Conference, it was agreed that this be referred back to the Branch concerned for submission to the 1985 Conference.

4. The Executive Secretary reported that the Association's resignation had been tendered to Apimonda but no response had been received.

5. Consideration of the effect of Remit 14, i.e. the principle of the establishment of hives as a recognised prime collateral for loans, was deferred until later in the meeting.

6. The meeting noted the comments from Mr Matheson concerning the "Beekeepers Code of Ethics" and it appeared that branches had not, as yet, fully discussed the proposed Code, although interest had been shown, and it was agreed that the matter be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Executive.

7. The Executive Secretary reported on receipt from Mr Dickinson of the list of helpful hints (prepared December 1972) on organising conferences, copies of which list had been made available to members of the Executive.

8. General discussion took place on the interim financial advice for the 1984 conference and it was agreed that the matter be again discussed when the final report was received.

INDUSTRY TRUSTS

1. The meeting received a letter from Mr R A Berry, one of the industry trustees, and members considered the security and financial implications relevant to the funding of the Industry General Trust.

2. With regard to applications, it was decided to recommend to the Trustees that applications be considered on an annual basis with an appropriate closing date, that an application form should be drafted and finalisation of other details be deferred until a meeting with the trustees later in the day.

INDUSTRY PLANNING

The meeting considered the 1984/5 industry plan which included the Mission and Goals of the Association, the objectives based on the goals and the action plans based on the objectives.

It was agreed that a letter of appreciation be sent to M.A.F. (Mr John Oliver) for the assistance provided by Mr Cliff van Eaton and the secretarial staff in preparing the industry plan.

The meeting then considered the plan and, subject to one or two minor amendments, it was adopted.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12.30 pm for lunch and re-convened at 1.20 pm.

MINUTES

The meeting considered the circulation list of minutes of the executive committee meetings, and the following amendments were noted :

Delete : Messrs Holt & Herron of the Packers Association
· Messrs Cloake & Blair of the Suppliers Assocn.

Add: Kiwfruit Pollination Association

Amend: NZ Comb Honey Association - Mr M Stuckey
Mr Colin Moyle, Minister of Agriculture

INDUSTRY PLANNING

Further general discussion took place concerning the Industry Plan.

INDUSTRY TRUSTS

At this stage of the meeting the trustees met with the executive to discuss administration and other formalities.

Mr Kay reported that, as a result of a review of the Trust investments, it now appeared that the income would be approximately \$50,000 per annum after taxation. The trustees had considered a twice yearly allocation but accepted the Executive's recommendation of an annual allocation. The Trust would be considering a balance date of 31st December in line with the Association and would also intend to appoint the Association's auditors as auditors of the Trust, but would engage a different lawyer.

In deciding on an annual allocation, the closing date would be 28 February, applications would then be considered by the Executive at its March meeting and then forwarded, together with a recommendation, to the trustees, enabling them to meet late April/early May. It was further noted that, only in exceptional circumstances, would applications be considered outside this time scale.

It was further agreed that the Executive Secretary submit a list of administration expenses incurred by the Trustees which had been paid by the Association.

Following further general discussion, Messrs Dickinson and Kay left the meeting.

INDUSTRY PLANNING

It was agreed that, in respect of the distribution of the Industry Plan, six copies be sent to all Branches, a copy be made available to all hive levy payers and to all MAF Apiary Advisory Officers.

In addition, copies to be made available to the Minister of Agriculture, Ms Michelle Forsyth and Mr John Scott.

The President undertook to draft a suitable letter to accompany the copy to hive levy payers and the Advisory Officers.

It was also agreed that, in future, items arising from the Industry Plan be included on the Executive Agenda.

ADVISORY

1. It was noted that an application would be lodged with the Trustees for the purchase of the Country Calendar programme 'Rent a Bee'.

2. Considerable discussion took place concerning the appointment by the DSIR to its Entymology Division of a Researcher into Bee Diseases, and as decided at the last meeting of the Executive, this matter was left to the President and Executive Secretary to see that this takes place, and at a minimum cost to the Association.

3. The meeting noted that the President had written to the Pesticides Board concerning the possible banning of methyl bromide. Their reply read as follows :
"Any moves to limit the use of the material in N.Z. would go before the Board so you should, in any event, be aware of any developments that may arise."

4. The President reported that the matter of the use of 1080 jam had been discussed at the July 1984 Pesticides Board Meeting when it had been decided 'that the Agricultural Pests Destruction Council be asked to direct Pest Destruction Boards using 1080 jam that they must notify local beekeepers of their intent to use the material at least two weeks before such operations commenced'.

5. The meeting noted receipt from the DSIR of copies of a Chapter on Bees and Pollination from the recently re-issued Lincoln College book "New Zealand Pests and Beneficial Insects", and it was agreed that a copy of this be made available to the Kiwifruit Pollination Association.

6. Further to the earlier discussion concerning the Pesticides Board, the President reported that the publicity posters for display in spray sheds would not now be available until 1985.

7. General discussion took place concerning the provision in the Industry Plan relative to advisory matters, and it was decided that Mr McCaw, in consultation with Mr van Eaton, would :

a) draft a letter to the Director, Advisory Services, for a report on current and future status of apiculture research in New Zealand;

b) that Branches be requested to submit their present and future requirements for AAO's in their districts

and it was further decided :

c) that endeavours be made to arrange a meeting with the Minister at the time of the next meeting.

8. Mr Russell Berry indicated concern at the continuing references to the shortage of hives for pollination in various publications, a statement which was, at this stage, totally incorrect.

GENERAL

1. Mr Russell Berry reported that the pollination committee of the Bay of Plenty Branch had now been disbanded and a Kiwifruit Pollination Association established with Mr Nick Wallingford as the Secretary. Criteria for membership was that the member must first be a member of the National Beekeepers' Association. There would be a joining fee of \$20. The Association requested as close an affiliation to the NBA as possible, and a desire for maximum exchange of information of interest to both parties.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5.03 pm and reconvened at 8.30 am on Tuesday 11 September.

EDUCATION

1. The President reported on further developments with regard to the national training scheme, and, in particular, the presentation of the NBA proposal to the Authority for Advanced Vocational Awards for recognition of the certificate of beekeeping.

The President read to the meeting correspondence to and from the Agricultural Training Council relative to the Certificate.

2. It was agreed that a \$500 bursary be made available for the Telford Farm Training Institute for 1984 out of general funds and that an application be lodged with the trustees for a bursary of a similar amount for 1985.
3. The President referred to the letters sent to the Director of Advisory Services and the Telford Farm Training Institute, and copies of the responses from these organisations were made available to members.

MARKETING

1. The meeting noted the response from the Department of Labour concerning the Metrication (Retail Trading) Regulations 1978, and it was agreed that the Executive Secretary make further enquiries and discuss the matter with Mr Herron to ascertain the desirability of placing a proposal before the Minister for the deletion of honey from the Regulations.
2. The President referred to the market report for the Spring issue of the "Beekeeper" and it was the opinion of the Executive that it would be unwise to substantially increase prices but, being mindful of members' costs, a small increase could be justified. It appeared that there was sufficient honey to meet the market demands.
3. The President reported on the letter received by Mr E V Gledstone-Brown from Mr Hugh Templeton stating there were no restrictions on importing raw sugar into New Zealand, Mr Dudley Ward's enquiries in Fiji as to whether it was economic for the N.B.A. to import sugar, and of the negotiations which had taken place between the N.B.A. and the N.Z. Sugar Company for cheaper sugar for beekeeping purposes. It was agreed that the President be authorised to finalise an arrangement between the N.B.A. and the Sugar Co, along the lines suggested in their telex of 7 September 1984, and he would consult with Mr Ward and the Executive Secretary on this matter.
4. The Promotions sub-committee reported on promotional ideas, such as recipe cards, bumper stickers, school visits, etc.etc., these being short-term proposals. Long term, and more expensive proposals, such as t.v. advertising, honey queen promotion, research, etc. to be considered in due course.

IT WAS RESOLVED that an amount of up to \$1,000 be made available to the Promotion sub-committee for expenditure on bumper stickers and other stickers.

PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

1. The Executive Secretary's action in arranging insurance cover for the library, at a premium of \$42.00, for fire and perils cover, was approved.
2. In respect of the audit circulation of the 'Beekeeper' it was agreed that a decision on this be deferred pending further details as to cost.
3. The meeting considered the Executive Secretary's report of the 7th September regarding the subscription: journal costs, and the following recommendations were adopted to apply as from 1st January 1985 :
 - 'That the subscription be increased to NZ\$15.00 for New Zealand subscriptions to "Beekeeper". Note this NS\$15.00 also includes the ordinary membership subscription, if such membership is desired.
 - That the following price differential be applied for overseas subscriptions :

	Airmail	Surface
Australia & S. Pacific	US \$12	US \$10
N.America & Asia, excl.Middle	.	
East	US \$14	US \$10
S.America and Europe and		
Middle East	US \$15	US \$10

4. It was agreed that the Executive Secretary ascertain from Mr Stuckey the present position with regard to stocks of "Story of Bees and Honey" and the matter of price and distribution be again reviewed at the next meeting of the Executive.
5. The Executive Secretary reported that the order had been placed with Government Print for "Practical Beekeeping in New Zealand" and it was expected that publication date would be 8th October.
6. General discussion took place concerning the "Beekeeper" and the President was asked to discuss with the editor the provision of colour slides/colour photographs with articles.
7. With regard to the Industry Plan, Goal 1, Objective 1, action A - information and costing of poster advertising in the airport and shipping arrival and departure facilities, it was agreed that an invitation be extended to Mr J Beard, Assistant Director of Quarantine Services to attend the next Executive meeting.

FINANCE

1. Accounts paid for July and August 1984 were approved for payment, being cheques nos. 302615 - 302643 totalling \$11608.55.
2. The meeting considered the Executive Secretary's financial statement to 31 August 1984, and this was received.
3. It was agreed that a recommendation be made to the Minister that the Hive Levy for 1985 be increased to 22 cents per hive. The meeting noted that the Hive Levy had last been increased in 1979 when it was raised from 15 cents to 17.5 cents per hive.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12.32 pm for lunch and re-convened at 1.01 p.m.

ADVISORY

9. Mr Reid presented the Advisory Service Division Report which covered -

- (a) Visit from Australian Apiary Officers and Scientists
- (b) Australian Ban of NZ Pollen
- (c) Leafcutter Bee Importation Programme
- (d) Wasp Nests
- (e) Pollen wanted for Research purposes
- (f) Semen Import from UK
- (g) Visit of Dr Carl Johansen from Washington State University
- (h) AAO Matheson to Nairobi, Kenya
- (i) Aggressive Salesmanship by New Pollinators
- (j) Honey Importations from Papua New Guinea
- (k) European Foulbrood found in Tasmania
- (l) Apiary Staff

10. Mr Reid indicated that, as far as he was aware, there were no reasons why industrial raw sugar should not be used to feed bees.

11. Mr Reid undertook to arrange for his staff to undertake the initiative with regard to liaison/information with Agricultural Quarantine Section Officers.

12. Mr Reid suggested that if the Association was to write to the Director of Advisory Services in respect of the current and future status of apiculture research in New Zealand it should be specific in respect of the information required.

13. With regard to the proposal to write to the Ministry concerning apiculture study as an option for advisory officers work experience training, Mr Reid advised that this matter would have to be taken up with the respective Universities.

14. Mr Reid indicated support for the proposal to request the Advisory Services Division to employ sufficient part-time inspectorsto ensure at least 10% hive inspection rate in each district annually.

NOTE : Mr McCaw undertook to draft the relevant correspondence for items 12, 13 and 14 referred to above.

15. Further general discussion took place concerning the proposal from the DSIR Entomology Division, with particular concern that lack of action by the Association could result in the non-appointment of Mr Anderson.

16. Mr Reid requested a sample of pollen substitute sent to beekeepers via an Auckland accountancy firm for testing.

17. Mr Reid reported that he had had discussions with Mr Blackman, who indicated a softening by the Rural Bank in its attitude to hives as security, and they were now accepting security by way of an Instrument of Security over the hives.

Mr Blackman was of the opinion that a register of brands was unnecessary and that the present situation was adequate, but there was a need for sufficient details to be provided on the transfer of hives at the time of sale.

FINANCE

4. The Executive Secretary reported that 11 accounts for hive levies had been referred to the Solicitor for collection.

5. The Executive Secretary reported on further correspondence from Mr Moar which had been referred to Mr Cloake. However, no additional information was available and, of course, Mr Moar was now overseas.

6. A request from the 5th World Congress of Young Farmers for financial assistance - it was agreed that this be tactfully declined, but an offer of product be made if this was of use to them.

7. The meeting considered a request from South Canterbury branch for a special grant to cover the "Trees for Bees" nursery project, and it was agreed that a grant of \$100 be made.

8. Capitation to Branches

The meeting considered the Executive Secretary's report of 7th September 1984 and the following recommendations were adopted :

That the basic payment be increased as follows :

Commercial members	1 - 19	\$110.00
	20 - 39	\$220.00
	40 &over	\$250.00

Plus an additional \$1.50 per 'ordinary' member as per membership in December of preceding year.

This increase to take effect from 1st January 1985, i.e. capitation payment for 1985 based on membership as at 31.12.84.

REPORTS

1. Pesticides Board

It was noted that this matter had been handled earlier in the meeting.

2. Federated Farmers

Mr White indicated that there was nothing to report from Federated Farmers.

3. Library Committee

1. Mr McCaw reported that the updated catalogue had now been received.

2. Mr McCaw reported that with the increase in the Library Fund, arrangements have been made to obtain a better return on surplus funds.

4. Apiary Advisory Committee

There was no report from Mr Stuckey but Mr Reid gave a brief summary of a meeting held recently.

BRANCH MATTERS NOT INCLUDED ELSEWHERE

General discussion took place concerning the poll vote conducted at the last Conference, and it was felt that a reminder should be sent to Branches in 1985, prior to the Branch Remit Meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The Executive Secretary reported on advice from the Minister of Agriculture concerning the extension to June/July 1986 of the election of producer representatives on the Honey Marketing Authority.
2. It was agreed that the Association should meet the costs of Arataki Honey Ltd. in providing secretarial services to the President with regard to NBA correspondence.

GENERAL

A review of action required in respect of the Industry Plan was undertaken.

It was suggested that some consideration be given to suggesting to Branches that Remits to Conference be framed in relation to the Industry Plan.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: It was agreed that the next meeting of the Executive be held in Wellington on Wednesday and Thursday, 5 and 6 December, 1984.

(SECRETARY'S NOTE : In view of the clash with the Pork Industry Board meeting, a later date has been suggested. This will need to be confirmed).

GENERAL

It was agreed that the President have further discussions with Mr Russell Berry relative to his concerns as a Trustee.

CONCLUSION

The meeting concluded at 3.35 pm.

DATE: 11 Dec 84

Russell Berry : CHAIRMAN

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC).

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc.) held in the Board Room, 11th Floor, Dalmuir House, 114 The Terrace, Wellington, on Tuesday and Wednesday 11th and 12th December, 1984, commencing at 10.11 a.m. on Tuesday 11th December.

PRESENT: Mr I Berry, President, in the Chair

Messrs A McCaw, K Herron, A Lorimer, D Ward,
G White

In attendance at times during the meeting:

Mr G M Reid, M.A.F.
Mr Julian Brown, M.A.F.
Mr M Burgess, Editor

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Executive Meeting held 10/11 September 1984, having been circulated, were taken as read and the Chairman authorised to sign them as a true and correct record.

LUNCHEON ARRANGEMENTS:

The meeting noted that Mr D Butcher, Parliamentary Under Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture would be attending for luncheon, and general discussion took place concerning the arrangements, and matters to be discussed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1. Mr Lorimer reported that there had been no further developments in respect of the Waikato District Scheme and he understood this was not to be pursued. Matter to be removed from Agenda paper.

2. The meeting considered the possible alternatives for the new certificate for Life Members. Agreed that the new artwork be used and the Executive Secretary discuss with the printers the use of the 'Bee' motif from the existing certificate.

3. The meeting was advised of the exchange of correspondence with Apimondia concerning the Association's resignation.

4. Code of Ethics

Responses had been received from Northland, Hawke's Bay and Mr A G Matheson, and it was noted that responses were still required from other Branches.

The Executive commented favourably on the Northland proposal -

"We recommend that all sites seasonal or permanent be marked permanently at the road entrance".

General discussion took place concerning the Hawke's Bay query -

"What protection under the code does any hobbyist with 9 or less hives have from commercial operators who move in large numbers of hives, especially depots for orchard pollination."

ADVISORY: It was agreed that consideration of advisory matters

be deferred until Mr Reid was present.

EDUCATION:

1. The President referred to correspondence to and from the Agricultural Training Council, Authority for Advanced Vocational Awards and the Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture. He also advised the meeting that the Chairman and Director of the AAVA would be meeting with Dr Close and Mr Taylor of the examining board of the RNZIH on Wednesday 12 December.

2. The President indicated that details of the Beekeeping Course would be contained in the summer issue of the "Beekeeper".

3. The President referred briefly to the proposal from the Bay of Plenty Community College for finance from the Trust and it was agreed that this be discussed later in the meeting.

4. The President reported on his attendance at a meeting called by Federated Farmers to discuss agriculture across the curriculum and indicated that this may be an avenue for the industry to provide resource material for schools.

5. Mr McCaw reported that interviews had been conducted for the Telford Farm Institute bursary, and the decision based on performance and need had been made and the bursary granted.

Agreed that an application be lodged with the trustees for funds to cover the bursary for the 1984/85 years.

Mr McCaw indicated that Telford proposed to use the Bay of Plenty Community College material for its course of study.

6. Industry Plan

The Executive considered the following matters arising from the 1984/85 Industry Plan :

page 15. b. Still under action
c. Still under action
d. Still under action by AAVA.
e. The President to continue involvement until the Industry Training Programme is under way.

page 16. Executive members indicated actions taken within their area relevant to the showing of the bee diseases film.

(e) Still to be actioned. Mr Reid to be requested to prepare a list for inclusion in the "Beekeeper" and the Librarian to clarify which of the material in Mr Reid's list is available from the library.

page 17. e. Already under action

page 18. a. Mr McCaw to approach Mr Matheson for guidelines to be based on an earlier report that Mr Matheson had prepared.

page 18. b. c. d. No action pending further developments reference item a.

page 19. Matter to be discussed with the Editor. The Executive Secretary to write to Mr Wallingford accepting his offer to provide material for the "Beekeeper".

page 20. a. Agreed that the list of material provided by Mr Reid be attached to the Minutes as an Appendix.

b. That discussions be held with Mr Reid as to the possible sources of audio visual material available within New Zealand.

MARKETING:

1. The Executive Secretary reported that no further action had been taken relevant to the Metrification Retail Trading Regulations and, after some considerable discussion, it was agreed that a letter be drafted to the Minister asking that all reference to honey be deleted from the Regulations.

2. General discussion took place regarding the new arrangements for the supply of industrial raw sugar to members from the New Zealand Sugar Co. Ltd., and it was noted that 84 tonnes had already been supplied in spite of the late start. It was thought desirable that the scheme should be reviewed at the 1985 conference so any amendments could be made in good time for the following Spring.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12.14 p.m. for a luncheon meeting with the Parliamentary Under-Secretary, and re-convened at 2.05 p.m.

PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS:

1. In response to an enquiry Mr Mike Burgess indicated that the use of colour photos in the "Beekeeper" was dependent on whether the photo required colour for effect which could be lost if reproduced in black and white. He undertook to include a comment relative to this in a future issue of the magazine.

MARKETING (Contd)

3. Industry Plan

page 13 b. The meeting considered two alternative proposals from the committee relevant to the preparation of bumper stickers or labels.

It was agreed to defer meantime the printing of bumper stickers but to accept the Quik-Stik quotation for 50,000 labels in 200 packets of 250 labels each, at a cost of \$382 plus postage. Further agreed that a sample pack be sent to each Branch free of charge.

page 13 c. Agreed that a further request to beekeepers be contained in the Autumn "Beekeeper" and the sub-committee undertook to arrange this.

4. General discussion took place concerning honey prices and it was the general concensus of opinion that any movement should be upward but no major changes should be made pending crop indications.

ADVISORY:

1. Mr Reid discussed his report relevant to :

1. Apiculture Advisory Officers - staffing
2. Apiaries Advisory Committee
3. Queens to USA
4. Acarapis Woodi
5. Pollen Substitute Patties, USA
6. Natural Antibiotics in Honey
7. Queen Bee Smuggling
8. Mirex
9. Beelure and Beeline
10. Destruction of Hives - BOP

2. The President reported on discussions with Mr Longworth of the DSIR who had indicated that the DSIR will meet the first year's salary for Dr Denis Anderson, that the National Research Institute have declined to provide any financial assistance, but that approaches may be made to the Kiwifruit Authority for assistance in the third year.

The President had indicated that it was expected NBA Trust funds would be available for the second year's salary for Dr Anderson. If he accepts the appointment, Dr Anderson will commence on 1 April 1985 and would be available to attend the Industry Conference in July.

3. Mr McCaw tabled a draft letter to Branches concerning the achievement of more effective liaison with Government agencies related to MAF awareness of the industry's requirements and, after some discussion, Mr McCaw was requested to make one or two amendments which would be considered by the Executive the following day.

4. Agreed that consideration of the letter to the Director of Agricultural Research be deferred until the following day.

5. Mr McCaw reported that he had not quite finalised the draft to the Director of Advisory Services concerning the employment of part-time inspectors.

6. Mr McCaw reported that Mr van Eaton was having difficulty in obtaining information from Lincoln University regarding apiculture as an option for advisory officers.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4.55 p.m. and re-convened at 8.41 a.m. on Wednesday 12 December.

PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS:

2. The Executive Secretary reported on the problems experienced with the N.Z. Insurance Co. regarding insurance of the library and arrangements had now been made for this to be covered by the Dunedin Office of the N.Z. Insurance Co.
3. The Executive Secretary reported that the Pork Industry Board had not yet obtained a final cost for its circulation audit and it was agreed that the Association defer consideration of this matter pending information from the Pork Industry Board.
4. The Executive Secretary reported on advice from Mr Stuckey that there were approximately 25,000 copies of the "Story of Bees and Honey" in stock, and it was agreed that no further action be taken in respect of altering the charging, but matters to be noted for the future were the inclusion of the publication in any promotional package, the possibility of retailing bulk supplies at the industry conference. Further agreed that additional copies be made available to each Branch when supplying the labels referred to earlier in the meeting (page 3, item 3.)
5. The Executive Secretary reported that 158 copies of "Practical Beekeeping" had been sold, leaving 42 in stock.

General discussion took place on some of the material in the book but with particular reference to material on the number of hives per hectare required for the pollination of apples, pears and plums.

6. The question of information and costing of poster advertising at airport and shipping arrival/departure facilities was deferred pending discussion later in the meeting with Mr Julian Brown, Director of Quarantine Services, MAF.

7. Industry Plan

- page 9. d. Noted that this material would now have to be included in the Winter issue of the "Beekeeper". It was, however, agreed that Branches be requested to include in their Notes from the Colonies for the Autumn issue, details of the "Trees for Bees" programme in their area, being Objective 1 under the Goal - Increased Industry Profitability.

8. The Executive Secretary was requested to obtain information relevant to Catchment Authorities and their structure.

FINANCE:

1. Accounts paid for September, October, and November 1984 were approved for payment, being cheques 302644 to 302650 and 465781 to 465816, totalling \$19,161.39.
2. The meeting considered the Executive Secretary's financial statement to the 30 November 1984 and this was received.
3. The meeting was advised that the Minister had approved the increase of hive levy to 22 cents per

hive, and this had been gazetted on 22 November 1984.

4. The Executive Secretary reported that no response had been received from Mr Cloake relevant to the request from Mr N T Moar, and it was agreed that the Executive Secretary write to Mr Moar asking him for a copy of his paper, together with supporting information, which would enable a request for financial assistance to be placed before the Trustees.

ADVISORY, including Technical and Research

7. At this stage of the meeting Mr Julian Brown, Director of Agricultural Quarantine Services, arrived to discuss with the Executive matters of mutual interest.

Mr Brown gave a brief history of M.A.F. involvement in agricultural quarantine, which included relevant documentation and available publications, and also reference to the National Airport Facilitation Committee which was under the Chairmanship of the Ministry of Transport.

Other aspects of interest were the possibility of a VDU display at Auckland Airport of a low key nature in the process hallway, a demonstration facility in the departure lounge. He commented on a joint presentation prepared by the Ministry with the Deer Farmers; he indicated a willingness to arrange a meeting with the Executive and the Ministry's four regional officers, a willingness to involve the Association in the in-service training programme for quarantine staff, and the possibility of industry input to the training modules used in the in-service training programme; the possibility of the provision of an explanation pamphlet to be made available to incoming passengers when honey products are confiscated. Mr Brown undertook to make available statistics relevant to the level of interception by his officers, to prepare articles for inclusion in the "Beekeeper", and to make arrangements for the executive to be shown the Ministry's procedures at Auckland Airport and Port, reference to quarantine surveillance.

At this stage of the meeting Mr Brown left.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.25 p.m. and reconvened at 1.00 p.m.

FINANCE:

5. The meeting considered the financial report from the S.W. Districts noting the profits had been achieved on the Seminar, Conference and the Social.

6. The Executive Secretary read to the meeting a letter from the Minister of Agriculture concerning hive levy payments by members of the Exclusive Brethren Sect, and the Executive Secretary's action in acceding to the Minister's request was approved.

7. Industry Planning
page 29 a.b.c.d.

Agreed that as a result of the last budget no further action be taken meantime.

8. The Executive endorsed the action of the Executive Secretary in forwarding the cheque for \$500 to Telford Farm Training Institute for the bursary (refer Minutes 10 September).

9. The Executive endorsed the action taken by the Executive Secretary relevant to the supply of publications to the Taupo Honey Centre.

INDUSTRY TRUSTS

1. It was agreed that, at this stage, no formal application form be prepared, but that the matter be reviewed in the light of experience gained in the first year of receipt of applications.

2. The meeting considered two draft letters to the trustees relevant to information and also the advance to the N.Z. Honey Producers Co-op, and these letters were approved.

3. The application for Trust Funds from the Bay of Plenty Community College was received and it was decided to consider this along with other applications at the March meeting.

REPORTS:

1. Pesticides Board

The President briefly reported on the 3-day meeting recently held in Auckland and commented on the setting up of a working party to consider hormone spray damage to horticultural crops.

2. Federated Farmers

Mr White reported on :

- a. Receipt from the Federation of a lot of literature both before and after relative to the Summit Conference;
- b. Meetings between the Federation, Government and Rural Bank relative to budget decisions, and indicated that Government had given indications that situations of hardship would be reviewed;
- c. The Federation had expressed concern to the N.Z. Post Office about services to rural areas;
- d. The Federation had made submissions to the conference on internal freight costs, including such matters as Harbour Board charges, etc.

It was agreed that, where practical, Mr White prepare a precis of matters of interest for inclusion in the "Beekeeper".

3. Library Committee

Mr McCaw reported on behalf of Mr Heinemann.

Borrowing from the collection had increased during 1984 - this probably being the result of the availability of the catalogue.

After selling the first batch of the catalogue a second/amended lot was printed out. However demand had now eased and the present supply should last for several years.

A new book had been purchased - PEST AND BENEFICIAL INSECTS by Donovan and McFarlane \$27.50. Information on a number of IBRA publications has just been received from Trevor Bryant and it is hoped to order one or two books soon from that source.

Through the sale of catalogues and transfer of \$259.14 from the Timaru account the balance of the Milton Post Office Savings Account did become higher than is necessary. An Investment Account with the P.O. was opened and \$350 transferred.

Mr A. McCaw and the librarian noted as trustees.

4. Apiary Advisory Committee

There was no report but it was noted that a meeting of the committee was scheduled for February 13/14 at Rotorua.

5. Branch Matters not included elsewhere

Nil report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. BPI Systems Ltd. advising of a new system being developed on agricultural viewdata referred to as Aditel.

2. Kiwifruit Pollination Association Minutes.

3. Manawatu and West Coast A & P Association advice of their centenary in 1986 - to be referred to S. W. Districts.

ADVISORY: 8. Industry Plan

page 9. This had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

page 12 a. Agreed that this be an item for News from the Colonies for the Winter "Beekeeper" and also possibly included in the Branch Delegates Conference Report.

page 21 a. This could be a possible item
for conference seminar
page 22 a. Under action by some Branches
b. Under action by M.A.F.
page 25 These matters had been considered
earlier in discussion with Mr
Julian Brown
page 26 It was noted that discussions
were being held with DSIR and
that the reference in d. be amended
to Director, Entomology Division,
DSIR, Mt. Albert.
page 27 a. Under action
b. Still to be actioned
c. Noted that the Executive had
today met with the Parliamentary
Under Secretary.
d. and e. Target dates amended
to March and July 1985
respectively.
page 28 a. Mr McCaw's draft letter was
approved for submission to
the Director of Advisory Services.

INDUSTRY PLAN - GENERAL:

It was agreed that consideration of the annual
review of the Industry Plan, item k, page 31, be
undertaken at the March meeting.

GENERAL: 1. Agreed that the matter of Branch delegates voting
procedures be drawn to the attention of Branches
prior to this year's conference.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING :

1. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Executive
be held in Auckland on 12, 13 and 14 March to enable

a) Discussions with the regional officers of the
Agricultural Quarantine Division;
b) Visit to the airport/port quarantine;
c) Discussions with the Director of the Entomology
Division, D.S.I.R., Mt Albert;
d) Possible meeting with Auckland Branch.

CONCLUSION: The meeting concluded at 3.12 p.m. with
a vote of thanks to Mrs Hebron.

DATE: 12/3/85

Ian Berry: CHAIRMAN

FILMS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE NATIONAL FILM LIBRARY

APPENDIX

Bees - Backyard Science 13 min colour B6022/5 new print

Shows and explains how the colony of bees is made up, how the different bees in the colony do the work from which they are born and the manner in which the eggs hatch into an adult bee. Shows the gathering of pollen and how the bees pollinate fruits and flowers. (Australia 1968). A little on gathering honey and extracting it.

Busy Bee 30 min (B&W?) C1231 s

Study of a colony of bumblebees, comparing their social organisation with that of human society. Shows the full life cycle of the colony from the hatching of the worker bees, their work of nest-building, honey-gathering and storing, and the feeding of the larvae, to the end of the season when all the bees die except the young queens. (English 1964).

Honey Bee 11 min (B&W?) A670 p-i-s-g

Various stages in the life history of the honey bee. The eggs, larvae and cocoons which become workers; the metamorphosis of the queen; a fight with a rival queen; swarming; nest building and honey-making. (USA 1940).

The Honey Bee - A Profile 12 min colour B5082 i-js-g

Simple but detailed description of the bee and its place in the hive. The organisation of the hive. Pollination, dance language, swarming, nectar gathering, cooling the hive, policing it and minding the young. (USA 1970). Much used film - a bit scratchy.

Secret In The Hive 28 min colour C1660 s-g

Life cycle of the queen bee, worker bee, and drones in a bee colony. (Japan 195-). Excellent film but damaged in places.

La Vie de l'Abeille 17 min colour B2634 s-g

Life cycle of the bee. French commentary. (France 1963).

From Blossom To Fruit 15 min colour B4187 i-s

The basic parts of the flower are shown, a pollen grain examined by microscope and a simple experiment shows the relationship between pollination and the formation of fruit. Cinemicroscopy is used to study the internal growth of pollen tubes to the ovary, fertilisation and the development of the embryo plant. (US 1969).

Pollination 11 min A639 p-i-s-g

Pollination by wind, insects, and self-pollination; devices favouring cross-pollination; well-known flowers as examples. The germination of the pollen grains, the growth of the tube, and the penetration of the ovule. (English 1931).

The Insects 10 min colour? A1917

Classification, characteristic, groups, economic imp., control (v good). (Very anti insect).

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